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Tony Bennett and his dog, Duke. Bennett credits the Jack Russell Terrier with helping him land a role in 'Down East Dickerin'.' Most of the show's focus is on items the dickerers find in "Uncle Henry's." Other HISTORY channel series include 'American Pickers,' 'American Restoration,' 'Counting Cars,' 'Pawn Stars' and 'Swamp People.' (Photo: HISTORY)

Bethel man has lead role in History channel's 'Down East Dickerin''

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I've never used the Internet in my life," said 48-year-old wheeler/dealer Tony Bennett of Bethel.

Instead, he relies largely on the hard copy "Uncle Henry's," the statewide weekly publication of classified ads, to deal for everything from cars to property to animals. His success, and his personality, has earned him the lead role in the upcoming new HISTORY channel series "Down East Dickerin'."

The eight-part series will debut April 2. It follows Bennett and his sidekicks Chris Codwell and Duke, the Jack Russell terrier, as they dicker and deal across northern New England. Another eight people, most from Maine, are also featured in the show, but Bennett is the star and

the narrator.

Being who he is, Bennett found the show before they found him.

"I heard they were in the area looking for talent," said Bennett last week. "I made a demo tape and they've been chasing me down since."

On the video were his grandchildren, his dog, and activities such as four-wheeling and canoeing, he said. "And I made sure there were some backdrops they'd be interested in," said Bennett. "I was selling them like I sell everyone else."

Why was he chosen?

"At its core Down East Dickerin' is a show about folks in Maine living a unique lifestyle afforded by their ability to trade, barter and sell odds and ends through Uncle Henry's - and the unique connection everyone in this state appears to have - de-

pending upon one another," said Susan Ievoli, senior director for publicity for HISTORY. "Tony is a person who, to us outsiders, personified those qualities."

Raised to trade

Bennett has been dickerin' since he was a kid. "My whole family is wheelers and dealers," he said. "My mother was a yard-saler. She loved to pick barns and sheds. And we never missed a flea market or an auction. We'd buy, sell, swap, barter, horse trade."

Bennett quickly became adept as a dump picker, taking advantage of living just down the road from one.

His best deal at a young age - he was about 11 - came about when someone really wanted a gun he owned.

"I had got a 22 single-shot rifle at a yard sale,"

he said. "Someone wanted it really bad. They kept calling and adding more to trade for it."

Bennett kept resisting, and his reluctance eventually paid off - he finally traded the 22 for a shotgun, several boxes of shells, an eight-track tape player and tapes, snowshoes and two fiberglass-tub three-wheelers.

"That's when I realized if you had something someone really wanted, you could come out on top," he said.

He read his first Uncle Henry's in the late 1970s, when he was a teenager, and he's been chasing deals with it ever since.

Bennett also finds plenty of deals on his own - many of them on the way to check out items in "the Bible," as he calls Uncle Henry's.

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Spring struggles to gain a foothold

By AMY CHAPMAN

It's the talk of the town. Spend a few minutes in the post office, the grocery store, or the coffee shop, and before long you'll hear someone bring up the unseasonably cold March temperatures and the way spring seems to be dragging its feet this year.

From tradesmen and highway crews to retailers and school administrators, nearly everyone is feeling some effect from a winter season that has been longer, colder, and snowier than most in recent years.

At Brooks Bros. Hardware, Ron Smith said sales of gardening items are off to a slow start and no one at the store is thinking about

packing away the snow removal equipment just yet.

"With this weather, there's no incentive to buy seeds," Smith said. "People look out the window and see all that snow. We're still selling roof rakes, and I sold two more snow scoops last week."

"March has been about eight degrees below normal for the region overall," said Mike Haggett, an amateur meteorologist in Poland Spring who predicts and analyzes weather on his Western Maine Weather Facebook page and website (westernmewx.com).

Haggett says snowfall totals have been just about average, but adds, "We

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Despite lagging sap season, Maine Maple Sunday goes on

By AMY CHAPMAN

After several consecutive years when the sap started running here in February or early March, this year's maple syrup season is off to a much slower start, according to local producers.

To get the sap flowing, maple farmers need that magic combination of overnight temperatures below freezing and daytime highs in the forties.

"We have the cold nights, just not the warm days," said Tracey Wilkerson, who is eager for those ideal weather conditions so she can kick off Bethel's "Tap of the Town" community maple project.

"We can look at our calendars as often as we like, but that won't change

the weather. We haven't tapped yet, but will when we see a string of warm days and cold nights [in the forecast]," Wilkerson said last week. "Hopefully, we'll still have a good long season, just later than in recent years."

At Goose Eye Farm in Newry, Bruce Pierce said he, too, is still waiting for a good sap run, and wasn't able to make enough syrup to participate in Maine Maple Sunday, a statewide event held each year on the fourth Sunday in March.

"I've only collected about two to three gallons of sap," Pierce said. "I suppose I could boil it down and have enough for a pancake. I really

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Study of Union Church OK'ed at Town Meeting

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Monday's annual Town Meeting, Woodstock residents had ideas for the 1856 Union Church building ranging from fixing for private function use to razing it and turning the land into a parking lot or a picnic area.

In the end they turned down both options presented to them on the warrant - fix or sell - but in doing so they agreed to form a committee to study all options for the building.

About 60 people turned out for the meeting. In addition to dealing with the church issue, they also approved buying a used grader and a fire utility truck, and heard explanations on the future of recycling in town and the is-

sue of providing 2 percent discounts for early payment of taxes.

Church

The meeting warrant first proposed spending \$4,500 to fix the granite foundation on the Union Church, located in South Woodstock. The second choice was to sell it.

Selectman Ron Deegan, who said he had fond memories from his youth of activities at the building, nevertheless felt the town should not be in the business of maintaining buildings.

"The most responsible financial thing to do is to sell it," he said.

Former Selectman Lloyd Poland said the building, which has not been used in

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Gilead to vote on electing or appointing road commissioner

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual Town Meeting Saturday Gilead voters will consider whether to make the road commissioner an appointed, rather than elected, position, and whether to pay off the remaining \$41,000 on loan for the Town Office building.

Selectmen are recommending the change in the way the road commissioner is chosen. The same question was put to voters several years ago and they rejected a change.

Selectmen are also recommending that the town finish paying off an \$86,500 loan taken out in 2008 to renovate what is now the Town Office building next to the Town Hall. The board proposes to take the remaining loan amount of \$41,539 from surplus.

Interest payments each year on the loan have averaged about \$2,000, accord-

ing to Treasurer/Town Clerk Lin Chapman.

If voters decline to pay it off, they would need to raise \$28,218 in the next article to go toward all long-term notes. If they vote to pay the loan off, they would then raise about \$17,000 for the notes payments.

Chapman said if the loan is paid off, that would leave only a fire truck loan to be paid. The town could then start saving funds for possible town equipment replacement, she said.

Another warrant article recommends raising \$2,000 to build a small sand shed to be placed outside the transfer station, to be available for residents to obtain sand when the Transfer Station is closed. The town sand supply is currently behind the gated entrance to the station.

If voters approve all 34 articles on the warrant, including the payoff of the Town Office loan, the

amount to be raised from taxes for municipal expenses would be \$173,552, down from last year's \$213,415, according to Chapman.

If they do not wish to pay off the loan, the amount to be raised would be \$184,292.

The school costs are not included on the warrant because they have not yet been determined. A special Town Meeting will need to

be called when the school budget is ready for consideration.

In town elections, Selectboard Chair Jeremy Morin's three-year position is expiring and he will run again.

School Committee member Nikki Petillo's three-year position is also expiring.

The Town Meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL

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at Bethel Town Office by March 28

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T-Ball, Rookies, Minors,
Majors, Babe Ruth

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Letters

VOTE IN GILEAD

To the Editor:

As a taxpaying resident of the Town of Gilead, I would like to urge other taxpaying residents of the town to attend their Annual Town Meeting that will be held on March 29 at the Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Please attend and ask questions about how your tax dollars are spent. The Selectmen have been very successful in the past couple of years in keeping the budget under control in most accounts. Support the selectmen in their recommendations for the articles presented to the voters. They have done their research and I believe that their recommendations will only contribute to the success of the future of the town.

There are three articles added to the warrant this year and the selectmen recommend that all three pass. The sand shed will allow residents to have access to sand when the transfer station is not open, the paying off of the loan (from surplus) for the office will save by not having to pay interest for the next four years and the elected versus appointed article will allow the selectmen to fix a system that is "broken."

In closing, I would like to say again that this is your town and your tax dollars that are used to support it. This is the time to speak up and support the selectmen.

Linsley A. Chapman
Gilead resident

GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE

To the Editor:

Of the two recent "then and now" articles about the Bethel Outing Club (March 13), the "now" article inappropriately credits the founding of the Bill Koch Youth Ski League: "Founded by Olympic silver medalist Bill Koch."

In fact, the BKYSL was the brainchild, vision, of one of Rumford's own Broomhall family, Erlon 'Bucky' Broomhall, conceived from many years experience coaching kids. A teacher, his emphasis was always on youth development, but also to introduce kids, their parents, and others to Nordic skiing as a healthy lifelong sport and recreation.

Broomhall, who relocated to Southern Vermont in 1966, was a top notch competitive Nordic skier in his own right, and legendary ski coach, who was one of the first in the nation to include girls in his programs.

In 1969 he pitched USSA-Eastern to create a Nordic skiing program for pre-high school kids, initially known as the "Torgre Tokle League." Tokle, a Norwegian immigrant to New York in 1939, was a champion ski jumper, winning 42 of his 48 competitions under the banner of Norway Ski Club. He joined the US Army in 1942, became a ski trooper, and was killed in action in 1945 in the invasion of Italy.

The Torgre Tokle League had its inaugural season in 1969-70, and was an instant success. After winning a silver medal in the 1976 Olympics, the first medal ever won by an American in cross-country skiing, Bill Koch endorsed, and lent his name to the program, and thus it was then rebranded the "Bill Koch Youth Ski League".

In the late '70s through the mid-1980s, Art Froburg, Bob Remington, and I travelled every fall to the USSA-Eastern office in Brattleboro, Vermont, where we participated in setting policy and direction for the BKYSL in the nation.

Don Angevine
Bethel

RAFFLE WINNER AND
SKI CLUB THANKS

To the Editor:

This year's Sunday River Ski and Snowboard Club Big Raffle Winner is Ronald Lavenda. Ron is a Club member from Framingham, Mass. He bought the winning \$10,000 ticket from Bill Brown in December.

The Club's Board of Director's would like to thank all of the people who purchased tickets this year and all of the local businesses who helped support the event with second place prizes. Valuable prizes from The Bethel Inn, Chairman of the Board custom chairs, Sunday River Sports, Funky Red Barn, Lobsta' Land, Crossroads Restaurant, Eric Wallace Maine Guide, Bob & Terry's, Rob-in Leavitt Photography, Frank's Restaurant at Fall Line, Carter Davidson Maine Guide, Maine PC Solutions, Mt. Mann Jewelry, Winter People and Golf Pro Mark Mallorey helped make sure that 20 other folks ended up as happy winners.

Gourmet in a Pinch, our ticket master, was a big help too. Many thanks Charisa and Paul!

We had a really fun evening at Barker. To everyone who joined us, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at next year's Big Raffle Social.

The SRSSC Board

WHERE TO START?

To the Editor:

Where to even begin in reply to Mr. Grover's assertions?

1. According to the Congressional Budget Office the Affordable Care Act is in fact slated to reduce the deficit by \$109 billion over ten years. Claims otherwise cite only the part of the CBO report in regard to provisions of the health care law that expand insurance coverage, and not the ones that generate new tax revenue and control costs.

2. President Obama was not even involved in the Congressional wrangling that led to the shutdown and stating otherwise is simply a failure to understand the way the US government functions. Please read the Constitution.

3. While it is true that Defense spending is finally getting a much needed overhaul, to claim that President Obama is "to blame" is again, simply failing to keep up with current events. It was Republicans who pushed for the Sequester which is now forcing our bloated military/industrial complex to rethink itself. Does it really surprise anyone that Republicans are now rushing to cut military pensions and benefits and pay for our soldiers so that Lockheed/Martin etc. don't lose out on their Trillions in contracts?

4. In regard to the SIZE of our military it is true that active duty personnel will be fewer than at the start of WWII (depending upon the year one looks. In the thirties the US had a smaller military than Belgium), but this was not a partisan issue. In fact the DoD has been cutting back on personnel (except generals and their staffs which number more than the Vietnam era) since the previous president, favoring a leaner military more suited to modern wars. To even imply that our military is somehow shrinking when we spend more yearly for defense than China, Russia, Great Britain, Japan, North Korea, France, India, Brazil, Italy, and Canada combined is simply ludicrous and easily disprovable. We just spent \$1.6 trillion on a jet the Air Force did not want, which still is not accepted for use because it's dangerous, and for which there is no current mission.

In closing I would like to alert people to the final date for signup for health care this year the March 31. It's saving my family thousands upon thousands of dollars to have REAL insurance that pays bills again and has a modest deductible for the first time in over a decade. Don't let sound bites and lies keep you or your family from getting the coverage you deserve. Talk to your local insurance agent. Mine said he'd already sold hundreds of policies this year.

Chad McGrew
Bethel

Celladore

‘Was It All Worth It?’

"We hope that the beauties of our hilltop make up for all the discomforts," say some. This is a comment that really leaves us at a loss for an answer, especially if it comes from healthy people. We take refuge in semantics. What is comfort? If it is giving cheer to the low in spirits or relief from agonizing physical pain, it is to be desired. If it is a state with never a difficulty nor an annoyance to overcome, it is dull indeed. Man gets his real pleasure from struggle, his satisfaction from overcoming difficulties. As we watch the process that some folk go through to acquire more gadgets and higher retirement funds, it looks to us like more discomfort than being a bit chilly of a cold morning while waiting for the fire to burn bright. But maybe this is the struggle that brings them a sense of achievement.

Another question is "What do you have for a social life?" This structure is much the same everywhere, only more apparent in a small community. Our vertical society had pretty much done away with the myth of the self-assured, self-respecting, bowing-to-no-man New Englander. Once everyone had a smattering of Latin or Greek, learned something of history, literature and the arts, which gave him a sense of being a person, of recognizing integrity, of the worth of generosity of spirit, of the respect due any work well done. Even those who only went through the lowest grades in little one-room country schoolhouses were nurtured on something other than John see Mary, John see dog, dog see John... Those who grew up absorbing basic values had no difficulty meeting socially or finding friends with common interests, no matter what their individual economic status might be.

Every town has enough social groups and organizations for a person to be out every night of the week, if he is a joiner. The membership seems to be based more upon evidence of material possessions than upon shared interests. The purely men's groups run to "supper clubs." The satisfaction in belonging comes more from a feeling of being a bit "elite" than from actual performance of community service. The women's groups do much better; they are willing to reach out to anyone who help. Both types of groups end up with only a few members doing most of the actual work.

The first time anyone asked us what we did for the community, we were at a loss for an answer. In the country there is a continual sharing and exchanging with neighbors, an implementation of an attitude that would be spoiled by trying to capture it on a list. One simply does whatever little thing needs doing that is in the realm of competency. We take our turns as solicitors for all the routine fund drives. We have the most fun being on the town democratic committee. It is such a small band in a strong GOP stronghold that we have all the advantages of being a minority group without any disadvantages, unless you count almost always losing local and state elections. One can be a candidate for any office that he wishes; to be the town chairman is not a spot earnestly to be desired, plotted and schemed for but rather a case of taking your turn at doing a lot of work with no prestige whatsoever.

I joined the first group to invite me, a women's church circle. It was a happy way to meet people. My greatest contribution was simple, providing our house for the much-liked potluck suppers; we had sufficient cups and silverware, no children to tend, B.B. was always willing to help. At church suppers or festivals I peeled potatoes, hulled strawberries, washed dishes and cleaned up afterwards. It was a slot that I like and engendered more real fellowship than the executive jobs; at the same time, it freed others for activities more to their liking.

B.B. dutifully took a turn on the town budget committee, on the advisor council of the state extension service, as a committeeman signing up farmers for agricultural programs. He trucks down props from our attic and barn for dance recitals and occasional plays. The town, after years of being dry, finally voted wet. He helped the Legion set up their bar and tended it for them until they were established. He spends most of Mollycoddett Day rigging up harnesses, fixing old wagons so that they are safe enough to ride in, putting on shoes for the parade horses (the parade always starts late, a few shoes are always cast at the last minute). We have an outdoor Nativity scene pageant just before Christmas. B.B. and now Big Jim haul animals in, haul animals home after the last performance. Fat steers are little trouble. Sheep are a different cup of tea. They can stand the cold easily, owners are willing to loan them so there is always quite a flock. They are quieter than donkeys for three hours but break loose when time to go home. No one really knows what frustration really is until he has tried to catch a sheep racing about at random on a cold night in almost darkness. He was once a co-leader of a Tack and Trot 4-H Club. This gave me more glee than he, his first experience with the perennial and perpetual task of trying to motivate the young to take advantage of a learning situation. I could hardly wait for him to come home and report his afternoon so that I, an ex-schoolteacher among other things, could say, "I told you so and you never believed me."

These are a few instances of all the little things one does rather than sitting back and writing a check. The longer one lives in a small community the more aware one is of all the hard-pressed young mothers, the lonely or elderly ill. When I was a little girl, an old family doctor always talked about the hardest month of the year, said that if one could climb March hill, he would be safe for another year. Now it seems to be January. One gives of themselves and their time. B.B. once dug a grave. It was during a horrible spell of weather; all the bulldozers were working at frozen water or sewer projects. He felt that it was too much to expect anyone to dig a grave for his own wife.

Our
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BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: The movie "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas" began shooting in the Bethel area.

An old fashioned dance to benefit the Greenwood Historical Society was held at the Locke's Mills Town Hall. Music was provided by The Richard Felt Orchestra.

Deaths: Marie Zobel, Kal-le M. Manjournides, Edna J. Smith, Yoshiko K. Davis, Edith M.H. Moberg.

20 years ago: It took 30 Gilead voters less than an hour to approve the town's \$188,115 budget and new comprehensive plan.

Father and son team David and Todd Greig had opened the All Seasons Café on Maine Street in Andover.

Births: Samantha Ann Hinckley, Cameron Mark Bennett, Hunter David Craig, Samantha Ann Morin.

Deaths: John S. Hicks, Jr., Philip J. DesRoches, Alton L. Dolloff, Jr., Ann C. Proctor.

30 years ago: The Continental Telephone Company of Maine announced plans to spend more than \$2.1 million installing new electronic equipment in Bethel, West Bethel, Locke's Mills and North Norway.

At the Bethel Area Health Centers fifth anniversary dinner the medical award was presented to Florence Merrill and John Greenleaf, and the Volunteer of the Year Award to Jan Stowell.

Births: Katie Marie Wight, Colby Reid Fuller.

Death: Albert B. Kimball.

40 years ago: The Telstar National Honor Society held a banquet to welcome new members into the Society.

Janet Richardson and Lynda Chandler reached the finals in the Northeastern Women's Doubles Tennis Classic held in Portland.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary L. Crockett, Mrs. Helen D. Stearns.

50 years ago: Harold Clukey of Dexter was employed as a pharmacist at the Bosserman's Pharmacy.

Twenty-three youngsters competed in a combined slalom and giant slalom race sponsored by the Mt. Abram Ski Club.

Deaths: Fritz J. Tyler, Mrs. Grace Decker Thompson.

60 years ago: Mrs. Barbara Lucas accepted the position of secretary to Bethel's first town manager, O.T. Rozelle.

The Mundt-Allen Post presented a very successful minstrel show at Odeon Hall. Howard Cole served as interlocutor and Mrs. Doris Lord directed the chorus.

Birth: Nancy Trinward.

Deaths: Charles B. Mason, E. Walker Abbott, Cpl. Osman S. Palmer.

70 years ago: Residents of Rowe Hill were making some maple syrup. A poor sap season was reported.

Fire of unknown origin caused damage to the home of Arthur Cummings on Paradise Road.

80 years ago: Leslie Davis purchased the lumber business of H.L. Bean. Mr. Bean had carried a complete line of lumber and all kinds of building material for several years.

The bell of Gould Academy which had been in use for over 50 years was retired to the museum in the new building.

Deaths: Mrs. Linnie A. Parker, Mrs. A. Estelle Field.

90 years ago: The Glen House at the foot of Mt. Washington was totally destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Maud O'Reilly, West Bethel, was teaching in White River Junction, Vt.

Roads were settling and autos were beginning to appear on the roads from Bethel and Bryant Pond. An out of state car was seen going through.

100 years ago: Social dances were being held in Odeon Hall. Pettingill's Orchestra was furnishing the music.

Harry Inman purchased the "shop" at the top of Mill Hill and moved it onto his lot farther down the hill.

Death: Isaac Carlton Wight.

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MAPLE

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Randi Dunham serves up homemade maple ice cream with maple syrup at Velvet Hollow Sugarworks on Maine Maple Sunday. A. Chapman

don't know how this season will pan out. It may turn out just fine, but I don't think it will be a banner year. I'm ready to go as soon as the weather decides she wants to cooperate."

Velvet Hollow Sugarworks, at Dunham Farm in Greenwood, welcomed guests to their farm for Maine Maple Sunday, serving a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and bacon, as well as maple ice cream topped with maple syrup.

A steady stream of visitors made their way to the sugarhouse, where Brian Dunham said the installation of a vacuum pump on his sap lines this year had made all the difference, allowing him to produce enough syrup for the breakfast as well as some to sell.

"Our production is actually running a little bit ahead of last year at this time," he said, explaining that the vacuum system enabled him to collect more sap early in the season, despite the uncooperative weather.

"If we hadn't done that," Dunham said, "we wouldn't have had any syrup yet."

Jason Knight and Sarah Brann and their four boys were among the approximately 125 people who visited Velvet Hollow Sugarworks for breakfast. Brann said she is gluten intolerant, that the family drove to the farm from their home in Auburn after learning that the pancakes, as well as Suzanne Dunham's other baked goods, produced in a commercial kitchen attached to the sugarhouse and sold in local stores and at farm-

ers' markets, are gluten-free.

Steve and Linda Russell Hardy of Rumford, themselves maple producers who tap over 2,000 trees and make 200 to 300 gallons of syrup each spring, came to enjoy breakfast and talk maple sugaring with the Dunhams. Steve Hardy said their annual production had barely gotten underway. "It's still winter at our sugarbush," he said.

"There's no question that production is behind where it normally is for this point in the season," Lyle Merrifield of Gorham, President of the Maine Maple Producers' Association, said last week by phone. "The upper half of the state is really not far behind normal at this point, although the southern half is behind by a couple of weeks."

Merrifield said the past four or five sugaring seasons have been very early, "and that's gotten people to thinking we're further behind than we actually are."

He is still optimistic for a good season, saying the deep snow pack in the woods should help to keep the trees cool and extend the season.

"Even if it does warm up at an accelerated pace, we're still going to have a sap season. And if it warms up slowly, we could still see a normal season," Merrifield said. Dunham agreed. "I still expect a really good year," he said.

And Tracey Wilkerson spoke for many syrup producers when she said, "What can you do? Mother Nature always wins—we just adapt."

SPRING

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didn't get the February thaw and with March so brutal, folks are thinking this is a bad winter. I am sure the countless trips to the woodshed add to that thinking."

SAD 44 Superintendent David Murphy said the district had used up the five snow days that were built into the school calendar, and had to use a sixth for last week's snowstorm. That pushed the end of the school year back by one day, to Wednesday, June 18, Murphy said.

Frost and ice present challenges
Sustained cold weather over the past four months has driven the frost layer deep into the ground.

"The frost is six feet deep in the center of Philbrook Street," said Don Katlin of the Bethel Water District. "The water coming into our building is at 33 degrees."

"We have had some freeze-ups, but we're so in tune to it that we've been able to prevent most problems before they happen," Katlin said, adding that the majority of the town's water pipes are buried deeper than six feet.

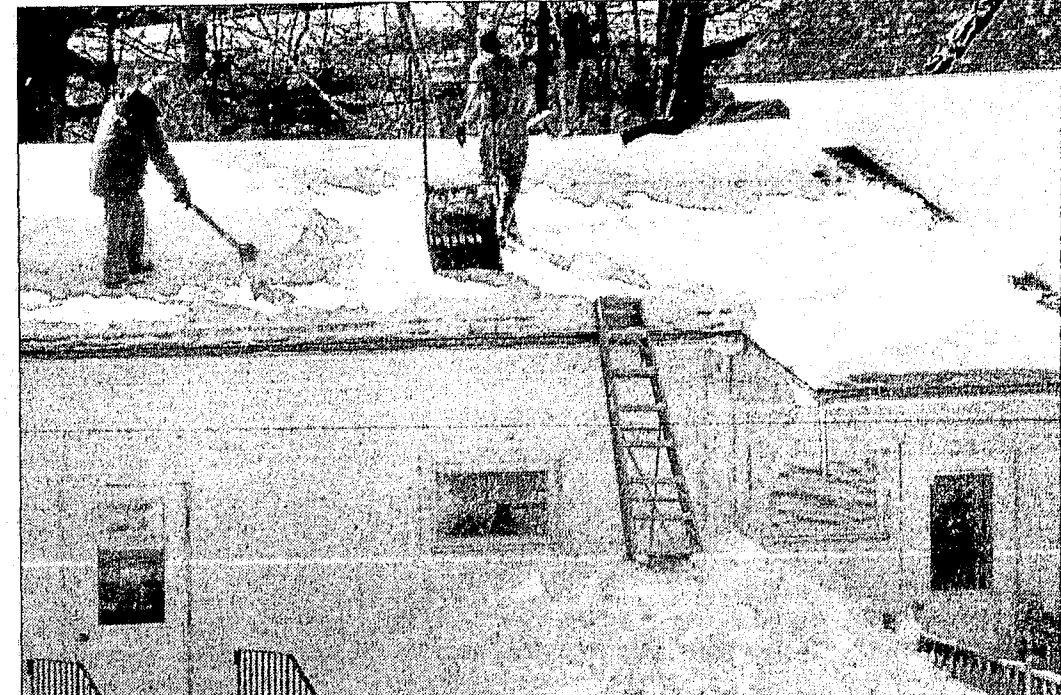
Many people with private wells and septic systems have faced challenges stemming from the deep frost, according to local contractors.

"We've thawed more sewer lines this year than we have in the last eight years combined," said Dennis Doyon of Doyon Septic Services. "People who have had septic systems in place for 20 years or more and have never had a problem are having them freeze."

A local plumber—who asked not to be identified because he's "already too busy"—concurred. He said he had dealt with far more instances of frozen and burst pipes than usual this year.

"Mostly, it's the second homes," he said. "The ones that don't have a good alarm system to let them know if the furnace goes out—they get up here and find out the heat's been off and everything is frozen up."

Ice, too, has been an ongoing problem for those who provide services and deliveries to homes and businesses, accumulating on driveways and walkways and refusing to melt. Doyon said others he had spoken with agreed that



Arnold Jordan of Greenwood, left, and his grandson Donald Piaulock shovel snow from the roof of the Locke Mills Union Church's Sunday school wing. A. Chapman

the conditions have been more treacherous this winter than any time in recent years.

"The amount of ice on driveways this year is unbelievable," he said. "Every time you step out of your truck, you've got to know exactly where your feet are."

At Bethel Bait and Tackle, owner Jeremy Fredette said a thicker than normal layer of ice on area ponds has turned out to be too much of a good thing for many would-be ice fishermen.

"There's 30 inches or more of ice on some of the ponds," he said. "Most ice augers will drill down 36 inches, but with all the snow on top of the ice, that means that first you've got to shovel down to the ice before you can drill."

"Then if it's below zero when you get out there in the morning, the holes freeze over before you can even get the bait in them," he added. "We've had a lot fewer people ice fishing this year than you'd normally expect. You get a day when it's ten degrees and the wind's blowing, and it's brutal. No one wants to be out fishing, and you can't take kids out there in weather like that."

Deep snow pack, flooding concerns

Although it may feel as if spring weather will never get here, Western Maine Weather's Haggett says we will actually be better off if it doesn't arrive all at once.

"Flooding has been a big worry of mine," he

said. After a very brief thaw in January, "Many rivers and streams that ice jammed that month froze back over, and that will be a big problem in a rain event," Haggett said. "The snow/ice pack is roughly between eight and ten inches of water over the mountains right now."

Plenty of snow has meant plenty of work to keep roofs cleared. In Greenwood, after the collapse of a section of roof at the neighboring Saunders Brothers mill, the town hired a contractor to remove snow from the public sand shed behind the Town Hall. Arnold Jordan, Head Trustee at the Locke's Mills Union Church, enlisted his grandson to help him clean off the church's Sunday school wing.

Timber harvesters, many of whom would normally be off the job for "mud season" by this time, are still cutting trees, but with the snow pack two to three feet deep in the woods, conventional loggers who still use chainsaws must first shovel out the trunks to avoid leaving high stumps.

Loggers aren't the only ones heading to the woods with a shovel. "I've been going out on snowshoes to shovel out my sap lines," said Brian Dunham of Velvet Hollow Sugarworks as he boiled down sap and entertained guests on Maine

Maple Sunday.

There is also extra work for road crews. Most years, snow banks erode gradually throughout late February and March, receding enough to allow water to run off the roads as they melt. With this year's continuing snowstorms and cold temperatures, there is more snow beside the roads than is usual for late March.

Greenwood Highway Foreman Alan Seames said his crew spent part of last week winging back the snow banks along all town roads so that melting snow doesn't refreeze into black ice overnight on the road surface.

Seames said the winter had been rough on the roads, and on his department's winter roads budget. "There are quite a few potholes, and plowing gravel roads this time of year, you have to be careful you don't plow up gravel," he said. "We've used a lot more salt and sand this year than the last five years."

"It's been a long winter," he said. "We're ready for spring anytime."

The Farmers' Almanac warns that we could still be in for one more zinger, predicting "an East Coast storm in mid-April that could bring a very late-season snow to high-terrain areas of New England."

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recent years, should be taken down but the town should keep the land. The lot is about half an acre.

Others suggested turning the lot into a picnic area or using it for parking for services at a nearby cemetery.

But Elizabeth Gallagher said the building was "a piece of community history," and should be saved, perhaps with the idea that a group might again utilize it. She asked if a committee could research and recommend options.

Jane Chandler, noting the upcoming 2015 town Bicentennial, said "perhaps we could celebrate the building and have a committee study how to use it."

Voters eventually turned down the two articles in favor of the committee, which will study options to present at next year's Town Meeting. Anyone interested in joining the committee should contact the Town Office.

Under money articles, voters approved \$30,000 to buy a used grader and \$20,000 for a used utility truck for the Fire Department. They also voted \$45,000 to rebuild a 600-foot section of Rumford Avenue.

Residents also approved \$90,000 for the G&W Transfer Station, down \$5,000 from last year. Selectman Steve Bies, who is also on the board of Oxford County Regional Recycling, was asked about the prospects for a change to single sort recycling. The recycling system allows transfer station users to drop all their recyclables in one container rather than sorting them.

Bies said such a change is likely, and he hopes the 17-member OCRR can use its combined leverage to negotiate favorable rates with the company that would handle the recycling.

"We're trying to work it all

out," he said. "We hope by January 1 we can make a move, but that's quite ambitious."

He noted that the 17 towns together recycle more material than Lewiston and Auburn combined.

Bies also weighed in on what has become a routine article - offering a 2 percent discount on taxes paid within 30 days from the date of mailing of the bills.

But Bies, who said he personally likes getting the discount, said the provision is really designed for towns that typically have a cash flow problem and need to raise money quickly to be able to pay bills. He said Woodstock does not fall into that category. But by offering the option, he said, Woodstock must also raise another \$28,000 just to pay for the discounts.

"As a citizen I really like this article, but it doesn't serve a public purpose," he said.

But a majority of voters approved it.

In town elections, Bies was returned to his seat unopposed, as were School Director Marcel Polak and Whitman Memorial Library trustees Ed Howe and Sonja Davis.

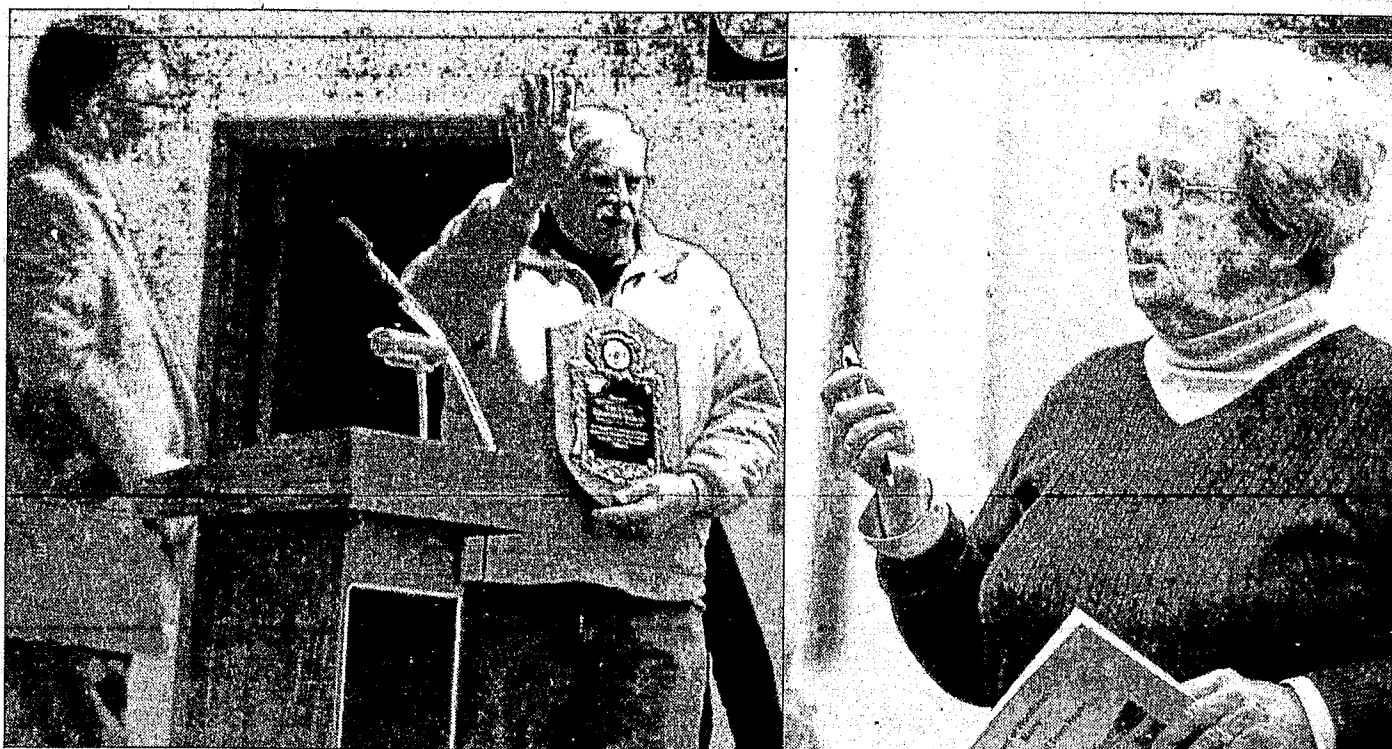
Selectmen and School Board members received raises for the first time in a number of years.

Woodstock's mill rate is expected to hold steady at about 11.45 mills.

Bicentennial plans

Town Manager Vern Maxfield told residents that preliminary plans for the Bicentennial include a kick-off event Feb. 7, 2015 that will take the form of a mock Town Meeting. It would include a reading of the town charter, a Woodstock song and a buffet.

Voters approved \$10,000 to fund the overall Bicentennial celebration.



WOODSTOCK TOWN MEETING-At Monday night's annual Town Meeting in Woodstock, (above) retired Fire Chief Geff Inman acknowledges applause after receiving a plaque from Town Manager Vern Maxfield for his years of service; (right) Marta Clements asks a question; (below) Woodstock Elementary School students sell refreshments (from left: Madisyn Buck, Ella Kellogg, Emalee Coffin, Steven Frazer, Davin Mason, teacher Tonya Prentice).

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"Sometimes I never get to where I'm going," he said. "I like to deal for anything. I don't care what it is. Animals, land, wood. I'm a middle man, and I get finder's fees for both ends of a deal."

He recalled a land deal a decade ago, when he stopped by to visit a farmer in Lovell to see what he might have to sell.

Turned out the man had about 70 acres of land he wanted to sell for \$16,000.

Bennett took photos of the land, which he said was next to the National Forest and had nice fea-

tures on it. He contacted a Bethel realtor about it. "But I wouldn't tell her where it was," he said.

He ended up convincing her to buy the parcel, he said - then collected several thousand dollars from her and another \$1,000 from the seller.

Bennett said many of his deals involve land, ATVs, snowmobiles, hot rods and mud run trucks.

He shuns the Internet, contacting people by phone and doing deals "on a handshake and looking 'em in the eye," he said.

Bennett said he does

have deals go bad occasionally, with people unhappy with a purchase afterward. And he acknowledges that in some cases, "he's had some serious confrontations."

"I've had a few run-ins," he said. "But I try to avoid them. I'm older and wiser."

For the past 20 years Bennett has been partnering on many deals with Chris "Codfish" Codwell of Bethel, an auto mechanic.

"He's the brains of the operation on the mechanical end. He can fix something with nothing. I've

got the gift of gab. I'm not as knowledgeable as he is on that," said Bennett.

If they are looking over a potential purchase, Codwell communicates its worth to Bennett "with a wink or a nod of the head."

The two men confine their travels for deals mostly to the area west and south of Bangor and ranging over to Burlington, Vt. But they can average 300 to 400 miles a day on the road, said Bennett.

They have also been known to go south to make deals for labor after hurri-

cans, setting up eight or 10 repair jobs for five or six crews, Bennett said. The jobs could involve everything from roofing to clearing golf courses of debris. "I like the dirty and dangerous jobs," he said.

Bethel scenes

Filming for the show took place over a three-to-four month period, Ievoli said, and was done by two small crews.

"Knowing the magic of the dickering life lies in the unpredictable nature of their occupation, we kept the crews small (five to six people on each

team), as they had to keep up with and follow their dickers (who move quick)," Ievoli said. "We shot a lot in Bethel - probably more than anywhere else, but the show also visits towns such as Stoneham, Andover and Harrison."

"Viewers will see Bethel locations, such as Black Diamond Steakhouse and Mallard Mart, on the show."

The show will premiere at 10 p.m. on April 2.

For video go to <https://aenetworks.box.com/s/2o2ordvjyeldxo2ef0g>

Briefly

Waterski up the Andro?

GILEAD-A local waterskier is working on plans to start a waterskiing/wakeboarding service this summer on the banks of the Androscoggin River in Gilead. Scott Skimmer hopes to offer waterskiing and wakeboarding by the hour behind an airboat. "The airboat will skim over the shallow areas of the river," he said. "As for the rocks, the wakeboarders can bring their rock boards and do jumps off them." Areas of rapids will offer a particular challenge to boarders, but Skimmer said he expects that will be part of the appeal. For waterskiers - more accustomed to quiet water - Skimmer will pull them over the longer stretches of calm water. All of Skimmer's clients will start their rides headed upstream. Turning around for the return trip may be a bit of a challenge for skiers and boarders, said Skimmer. "But if they can't make the turn, there are plenty of fields along the river to offer a relatively soft landing," he said. "The worst that might happen is they'll simply bounce off one of the local moose."

Please note this news item is published close in time to April 1.

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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

My mother was always forgetting things. She was forever misplacing things she used all the time. The TV Guide was her television bible, but she was always forgetting where she put it and spent a lot of time looking for it.

It seemed that at least once a day she would ask me if I had seen such and such an item because she couldn't remember where she put it. I used to jokingly call her the absent minded housewife.

"Just wait until you get to be my age," she used to say. "Then you'll understand because you'll be in the same boat."

Well, my mother was right! It's not easy for me to say that, but that is the case. I have actually been in that boat for some time and now I'm starting to think that maybe the memory boat is sinking.

Like my mother, I tend to misplace things all the time. Sometimes it happens within minutes of my having whatever item in my hands. My glasses seem especially prone to not being where I'm sure I just put them down. Sometimes I find them in a different room from where I thought I left them and sometimes I find them on top of my head.

Perish the thought that I get distracted when I'm in the middle of doing something because I'm just apt to forget what I was in the middle of doing, which is probably why there are so many half-finished projects around this house.

I love to read; especially mystery stories. I have found that if I read a book and pick it up again six months later it's like a brand new story. Later it doesn't even take six months.

I have always prided myself on being able to figure out who done it in a who done it story. When I reread one of these books one would think I'd stand a better chance of figuring out who the bad guy is. You'd be surprised at how many times I picked the wrong guy when I had picked the right one such a short time ago.

At the rate my memory is going I will be able to have just one book in my library and it will be a new story every time I read it.

Not so long ago I would get annoyed at myself for buying books at yard sales or church rummage sales that I have already read. There were times when I even bought books at my church rummage sale that I had donated some time ago. I wouldn't remember the titles, but I did in fact remember the storyline and who done it. I'm still buying books I previously read, but it doesn't annoy me anymore because now it's a new book to me.

It works pretty much the same way with movies too. I have been known to rent the same movie from Netflix two or three times in a relatively short period of time. I may remember snatches of the movie, but only small snatches at that. My husband's memory is much worse than mine so fortunately for him it's a new movie every time we see it.

Right now I can't find my glasses or my car keys and I only came home from the store in the last hour. How can I forget where I put them so quickly?

So, my mother was right and now I do understand why she was always forgetting where she put things. I feel a little guilty for having picked on her about it, but the way I see it pretty soon I'll forget about that too.



WESTERN MAINE FLY FISHING EXPO-Holding out hope that spring will eventually arrive, some 300 people turned out last Saturday for the annual Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. They checked out dozens of dis-



plays at the event, which is organized by the Mollycckett Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Above right, India Baker chats with Ron Fournier of Orion Outfitters & Guide Service of Mason.

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the building code. Good

Fire Chief Al Curtis, Jr., told me there have been three chimney fires in Greenwood this winter, and two of those have been in the exhaust pipes of pellet stoves. Remember to clean those pellet stove chimneys when the heating season ends.

However, the temperatures below ground are different story. While at the Dunham Farm Maple Sunday breakfast, several of us were talking with Brian Dunham about weather and snow (like there is another topic of conversation right now?). Brian said that the ground is not deeply frozen. Makes sense because we had snow early and lots of it. That insulated the ground from all the cold. Maybe, once the temperatures warm and melt the snow, the plants will push up out of the ground quicker than might be expected.

On March 13, the Selectboard met for the second time since the town meeting. After executive session with the town's lawyer, it was determined that the town had not followed all the proper voting procedures since the town adopted a new state statute two years ago. Our two School Board members will be resigning from their positions as of March 31, 2014, with the plan to be re-appointed at the Selectboard meeting on April 1. The Selectperson positions, however, need to be voted in with

Don't forget the Dumont Cup this weekend, March 29 and 30, filled with local and world class action and entertainment. Check with Sunday River for accessibility by foot.

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Welcome to spring. Hope it looks more like it at your house than it does at mine.
Have news? Call 665-2460.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I have been looking for any signs of spring that I can find. It certainly does not feel like spring, but there are a few signs that give hope that it will arrive before long.

My brother, Steve McLain, was busy last Saturday delivering the Gilead Annual Town Report. While delivering the town reports, he encountered icy driveways, many dogs, but very few citizens.

The three selectmen divided up the town to deliver the reports to the citizens. The other two selectmen, Jeremy Morin and Alfred Leighton, delivered throughout the rest of the town. Extra reports will be kept at the Town Office.

Tim and Michele attended the Fly Fishing Film Tour portion of the Fly Fishing Expo in Bethel at the Bethel Inn last Saturday evening. Our grandchildren, Sidney and Ajay spent the evening with us and they brought the "granddog" Chloe with them. We had a very nice evening. Tim and Michele enjoyed the evening, especially the film "North of Wild" by Gray Ghost Productions (Carter Davidson's film).

While I am writing this on Sunday afternoon, I am watching the Red-Winged Blackbird at the feeder. The red on his wing is quite brilliant in the afternoon sun. In the morning, there were several of them mixed in with the Starlings. They are a good sign of spring, but while they were at the feeder, it was snowing. Enough with the snow, already!



MAINE PRINCIPALS' AWARD WINNER-Autum Morin, daughter of Gerald and Angela Morin of Bethel and a senior at Telstar Regional High School, has been selected to receive the 2014 Maine Principal's Award, Principal Dan Hart announced recently. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Hart said in making the award, "Autum has excelled as a student leader, athlete, honor student and outstanding school citizen during her career at Telstar High School. She is well known and highly respected by her peers, underclassmen and faculty as a supportive and active student leader. Autum has also expanded her leadership in several areas: as Editor of Telstar High School's Zodiac Yearbook staff and, as a four year member of Telstar High School's Field Hockey and Softball programs. More importantly, Autum is a well rounded school citizen, who is dependable and steps up as peer helper, school ambassador and classroom leader. She is a positive and motivated individual who was unanimously nominated and selected as a recipient of Telstar High School's and the Bethel Rotary Club's Student of the Month Award. Scholastically, Autum has earned the distinction of being a Top Ten/Honor Student, having earned a 90.4 GPA. She has met and continues to strive with the challenge of a rigorous academic program of study, consistently earned superb skills and high achievement in all of Telstar High School's Honors Science and Mathematics courses." Morin, Hart and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon in Bangor April 5.

Town Office

Remember to come to the Annual Town Meeting this Saturday at the Town Hall. The meeting begins at 7 p.m., but unregistered voters need to arrive early to register. The Registrar will be available at 6:30 p.m. All registered voters need to check in with the Town Clerk when they arrive, so they can be

checked off the voting list.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



Some days things are just plain annoying. I started to send this column to the

Citizen early Monday morning to find that my internet was not connected. Being basically computer illiterate, I had to call support at Oxford Networks to discover that the problem lay in the router and internet box not communicating - unplugging and plugging the wires resolved my problem. Now I just have to come up with some news for all of you, which is ex-

tremely difficult this week as I've been "laid up" with viral bronchitis now going on ten days and so my contact with the outside world has been limited.

This problem was somewhat solved by a communiqué from Cookie Thew regarding Snow Valley SnoGoers activities. The annual meeting and election of officers of the club will take place on Saturday, April 5 at the clubhouse, off of Route 5, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a potluck supper at 6 p.m. and all people interested in the club and the activities they engage in such as trail maintenance and dragging are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share.

Speaking of snowmobiling. On one of my quick out of the house runs to the post office on Saturday, I saw at least 50 sleds parked at the various Main Street businesses. This has been a great year for snowmobiling and the weatherman promises more days of cold weather and possible storms.

There is a vacancy on the SAD 44 School Board and two vacancies on the Planning Board. For more information, contact the Town Office, 392-3302.

Sympathy is extended to Essau Cooper and his family on the death of his sister, Perry Boggs, who had a long battle with cancer. Services were held in New York State.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Bob Hutchins who passed away on Sunday. There will be a graveside service in the spring. Bob was a member of the Andover Fire Department as a teenager and his entire life until failing health prevented him from serving the community in this way. He also, for many years, was the man in the background at the First Congregational Church who opened up the building, made sure the fire extinguishers were in working order and on more than one occasion saved us from a cold church when the furnace wasn't working. His other claim to fame at the church was as a teenager he was one of the boys who pumped the organ bellows by hand. Bob is survived by wife Sharon and children Deanna Fowles and Christian Hutchins as well as grandchildren. Spring must be here!! The Andover Olde Home Day

Committee will have its first meeting for the August event on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Anyone in the community interesting in working on the 34th annual Olde Home Day the first weekend in August is invited to attend.

On a personal note my thanks to Linda and Spencer Couture for taking care of me on Sunday. Linda preached and Spencer took me to the ER.

Hopefully I'll soon be well and back in the thick of things here in Andover.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



Hello from Albany on this nice sunny but cold day. I feel like I am living in an igloo as the snow is up over the windows on the front of my house!

Sorry no news last week as I was in Portland with Jennifer Bennett helping her chaperone her students at an FBPA convention. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coolidge were chaperones also. I will say one thing and that is that we should be very proud of our Telstar Students. They came away with lots of rewards for their efforts and their behavior was beyond exceptional! I am also very proud of my beautiful daughter-in-law who came away with Adviser of the Year trophy!

Mrs. Margaret Barton had emergency surgery at CCMC last Sunday morning. She is home and doing fine.

I met Doug and Jen for lunch at Applebee's on Friday as we were in Norway on business.

Yesterday I joined Maire and Eben Katlin, Megan and Patrick Cotter, and Doug, Jen and Bella at Melby's for brunch. I hope Mother Nature gives us a taste of spring soon. Enough snow and cold for one winter. Have a great week and think WARM WEATHER AND SUMMER soon!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Saturday, I made the loop by snowmobile down to Newry to the Branch Road over to Andover and returned through Sawyer Notch. The trails

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Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris.
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varied, some were excellent and some not so much. All told it was a nice 60ish mile ride. Thank you to the groomers and clubs for all your hard work and dedication.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, March 28, at the Town Office.

I am quite careful about keeping water out of my diesel cans and put an additive in every time. I drained the tank last fall but I still need to dump the ice and water out of the sediment bowl every two or three hours of operation on my old loader. Does anybody have any suggestion of where I can purchase good, water free, off-road diesel?

Spring in Upton has been a bit harsh so far this year. I wonder if ice-out on the Umbagog will be before June.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Enough with the snow, already! On Monday Noah and I went for a short walk on my snowmobile trail just to get out of the house. I measured the depth of the snow on level ground away from the trees and wind and found 40 inches of the white stuff. I held the stick up next to Noah and showed him that it would be up to his nose if we dug a hole for him to stand in! Then he wanted to look down the hole to see the ground. Failing that, he tried to dig down with his hands; he found his arms much too short!

Then we took a couple plastic sleds and walked over the hill to "the farm" to go sliding. Jacob and Sam had run snowmobiles up and down the hill to pack it and make good sledding. One of the plastic sleds is shaped like an upside down turtle shell with a couple of bulbous protrusions on the front end for your feet. Noah wanted to slide down with the sled facing backwards. This went well until about half way down, when the sled reversed direction and bounced him helter-skelter backwards over a series of bumps, dumping him in the snow. I expected a cry, but he stood up and said, "That was super awesome!"

Of course, Shiloh had to run beside the sled and romp alongside Noah or me on our sled trips down the hill. At last, Shiloh has quit trying to ride on top of the sleds or pull at their clothing as they slide! He is still full of pep and enthusiasm, however.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



March is drawing to a close and still the cold is here as is the snow. Hard to believe that April is soon upon us and even then we may still be experiencing cold and snow. This shall pass if only we can wait. I am impatient for warmer weather and an end to snow and ice. Lefty is too. When the big snows hit, she will not go out no matter how nice the day after. Gertrude is anxious to go out but doesn't go as far. I think she worries about Lefty who won't leave the house. Soon it will be spring. David talks about more chickens, but that involves rebuilding the hen house and making it safe from critters, big and small. We shall see.

We have all fallen victim to that stomach virus. For others it was very bad and ended quickly. For me, it wasn't as bad, but hangs on. It really saps your strength. The cold weather doesn't help either. Hope no one else gets it. It generally lasts only 24 hours.

That being said, this will have to be a very short column as I need to go back to bed and rest.

I hope skiers and boarders are enjoying this late season snow bonanza. I hear the skiing is great and conditions are perfect for spring skiing except that it is still cold. Oh well, you can't have everything.

Monday, March 31, Waterford Knitting group will meet at the Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. FMI please call 583-2050.

On April 7, the Socrates café will meet at the Waterford Library from 6:30 to 8:30.

That will be all for this week. Have a great week and avoid this virus at all costs.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good morning to y'all. We got 12 inches of snow last week; I can remember my uncles

and grandparents calling that a sap snow.

Most roads have been posted already and making it hard for the wood haulers, so many will be taking a few weeks off from their daily job.

I have been down with a viral infection and pneumonia so that's why no weekly column for the past two weeks.

The doctor prescribed a cough syrup with codeine, along with an expensive antibiotic, thank God for the extra insurance we carry for medications.

Special thanks to Frank Frazer for always scooping out the end of our driveway after a storm.

Yogi is out snow blowing the yard, he says he is so ready for the snow to be gone for the year and I must admit so am I.

A Country Sunday Show and dance is being planned for April 27 at the Litchfield Sportsman Club, in Litchfield.

Get well wishes are going out to those who are not feeling up to par due to the flu and cold season.

That's all from the valley this week, stay well and enjoy each day.

Mollycokett Chorus Friends and Family Night

The Mollycokett Chorus invites members of the community to help the chorus prepare for the Sweet Adelines' Region 1 Competition by attending Friends and Family Night on Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints on Skeetfield Road in Oxford. It is a long standing tradition for the chorus to invite friends, family, former chorus members and the community at large to be the audience at our dress rehearsal. We will present our competition package and then entertain with some of our favorite songs. Refreshments will follow.

The Chorus is under the direction of Bonnie Fox of Lovell. Bonnie has sung with the chorus for 15 years and brings barbershop know-how, enthusiasm and wit to rehearsals. Chorus members come from Norway, Oxford, South Paris, Bethel, Rumford, Waterford, Lovell, Newry, Hebron, Bryant Pond, Bridgton, Naples,



Submitted photo

Stoneham, and Windham.

If you like to sing and have thought about singing with a group, this is a great time to come and find out if singing in the Mollycokett Chorus might be an activity you would enjoy.

The Mollycokett Chorus has been singing barbershop harmony since 1996 – a musical style sung without accompaniment by bass, baritone, lead, and

tenor voices. The chorus sings a variety of music including old favorites that are considered traditional barbershop, golden oldies and show tunes. The chorus rehearses Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints on Skeetfield Road in Oxford. For more information call 207-345-3100 or visit our website at www.mollycokettchorus.org.

Senior College program on bladder health, April 3

Cathy Heffernan, CNM, MSN, will discuss, "From Sneezes to Kegels – Issues with Urinary Gynecological Health," at a program to be held on Thursday, April 3, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Bethel. "To Your Health" of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) is presenting this program for the community based on interest expressed in evaluations of past programs.

Heffernan believes strongly in health education and has worked most of her career promoting holistic and low interventive care for women. In her talk, she will explain what women need to know about their bladders. She says women do not always have to suffer with incontinence or pain. She will discuss bladder health and what can be done for it. She will also cover risk factors for incontinence or prolapse as well as different types of remedies that medicine might offer.

Heffernan is a Certified Midwife and holds a Master's Degree in Nursing. She has over 30 years' experience in women's health care including gynecology, childbirth and menopause. She has practiced at Rumford Community Hospital, Central Maine Medical Center and Portsmouth Regional Hospital. Since 2008 she has held a position at the Maine General Health, Winthrop site, as well as the Alford Center for Health Hospital in Augusta, where she serves as a staff midwife doing women's health including gynecology, primary care and childbirth.

Heffernan lives in Bethel where she enjoys any extra time in outdoor sports including skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, biking and riding her horse.

To Your Health is sponsored as a community service by WMSC with the collaboration of the Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The program is open to the public and admission is free. Light refreshments will be available. For more information, contact R. Tiff at 824-2053.

DiCocco's "To Your Health" program

Cathi DiCocco, professional chef and owner of DiCocco's Market Bakery, gave a cooking demonstration at her program, "Spring into Spring with Colorful Foods." The program was sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education.

As she prepared a Mexicali Pinto Bean Stew, Cathi showed participants how to think about food choices, especially the nutritional values of colorful vegetables, whole grains, citrus and spices. She taught her methods of chopping, chipping, slicing and stripping vegetables of every color as she prepared the stew.

Cathi said it was "all about color." She explained that pigments, which give fruits and vegetables their bright color, represent a variety of protective compounds for better health. As an example, she said greens, such as spinach and kale, provide folate for healthy cells. The red of tomatoes provide lycopene, and yellows and oranges, vitamin C. She said many of the vegetables, and some spices, are excellent antioxidants. Whole grains and beans provide essential fiber.

A Waldorf salad using "roasted grapes," walnuts and local apples topped off her demonstration. She continually stressed the need to get close to what is natural – organic, unadulterated and local – when possible.

Participants enjoyed a generous helping of the stew over brown rice along with the salad and had copies of the recipes to take home. "Excellent presentation," "enjoyable" and "educational" were many terms used in the evaluations by participants, along with pleas to "invite her back again." Cathi's presentation – her time, food and skills – was her community service contribution and well received and appreciated.

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Opportunities for artists and crafters

The Mahoosuc Arts Council is accepting applications from fine artists and artisans for the 25th Annual Bethel Art Fair, Saturday and Sunday July 5 and 6, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash ribbons will be awarded by judges in fine art, artisan craft and photography. A new two-day format is offering exhibitors more opportunities than ever before for this event!

This 25th Annual will feature a limited 55 exhibitors on Saturday and 35 on Sunday. Exhibitors may show on one or both days.

A variety of artists and fine

crafters are being sought whose artwork represents oil, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, pen and ink, charcoal, colored pencil, tempera, acrylic, glassblowing, wood carvings, jewelry and more. There will be judged artist award cash ribbons in wall-hung, artisan and photography categories as well as limited purchase awards. Honorable mention ribbons will also be awarded. Booth spaces are limited in the idyllic setting on the historic Bethel Common.

All work is required to be of original design and creation of the exhibitor. Photo-

tos must be submitted with applications of artists who have not previously exhibited in the Bethel Art Fair. Applications must be received by June 15 for inclusion in the Bethel Art Fair program.

Fees are: Saturday only - \$85 for single exhibitors, \$140 for two exhibitors and \$175 for groups of 3 or more; Sunday only - \$60 for single exhibitors, \$110 for two exhibitors and \$150 for groups of 3 or more; BOTH DAYS - \$120 for single exhibitors, \$200 for two exhibitors and \$300 for groups of 3 or more. 10-foot tables are

available for rent \$20 apiece.

Application is also open to food vendors. Food booths are 12x12 feet and cost \$100, including electricity. Duplication of items is avoided. Food vendors must supply proof of insurance and are responsible for cleaning up trash on the grounds immediately surrounding the booth.

FMI: Contact the Council Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-890-6386 or e-mail info@mahosucarts.org. Artist/Artisan and Food Vendor Application and guidelines are also available on our website: www.mahosucarts.org.

'Seussical' at OHCHS

A 52-member cast, one of the largest ever assembled for an Oxford Hills School Community Show (OHSCBS), will appear on stage in "Seussical" March 28, 29 and 30 at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.

Based on selections from the enormously popular works of Dr. Seuss, "Seussical" is directed by Andrew Scott Turner, with musical direction by Kyle Jordan.

The only thing more fun than reading a Dr. Seuss book is seeing a magical musical extravaganza - live, on-stage with all the favorite Dr. Seuss characters. Cat in the Hat is the host and Horton the Elephant is the guide on a journey from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the World of the Whos, as a little boy with a big imagination proves that a person is a person no matter how small.

The story is narrated by the whimsical Cat in the Hat (Ron Figaratto), and assisted by the playful duo of Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Gabrielle and Griffin Turner). It centers around Horton the Elephant (Daniel Rennie), who finds himself faced with a double

challenge. Not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (Emily Hatch) and all the invisible Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird (Kristen Searles).

Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz (Katharine Fortuna) never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

Also featured in the world of Whoville are the Mayor and his wife (Bob Tiff and Corrine Turner), butter-battling General Schmitz (Ron Blake) and the Grinch (Dennis Twitchell). Citizens of the jungle include the Sour Kangaroo (Janelle Raven), the mischievous Wickersham Brothers (Thomas Lentz, Brandon Nobles, Karter Searles, Willard Swift), the Bird Girls (Amy Peet, Hannah Mathieu, Chyanna Millett-Cordwell, Krystin Paine, Sophie Lawton, Maria Commins) and Yertle the Turtle (Alison Whitney).

OHSCBS productions have been showcasing the talents of local community members for the past 40 years. This year's production of Seussical marks the 21st show in its long and successful history dating back to 1974.

According to Jordan, who also co-produced the show with Jennifer St. Pierre, "Seussical is important as a show for many reasons; we really worked hard to produce something that reaches out to a new audience as a way to reenergize the Oxford Hills. We wanted to encourage the next generation of community theater performers and audience members."

Turner, who was an Oxford Hills High School classmate of Jordan and St. Pierre, said the selection of Seussical was the principle reason he agreed to sign on as director. "We all love the classics - West Side Story, Fiddler on the Roof, Sound of Music. They will forever rank among our most beloved musicals. But if we are to encourage and grow the love of theater for the next 40 years, we need to recognize the value of current Broadway shows."

By doing so, Turner be-

lieves, the younger performers and audience members will identify with modern popular selections, and therefore be encouraged to participate. "The opening number, 'Oh, the Thinks You Can Think,' will suck you in. You have many of the colorful Seuss characters who transport you to this fantastical world. This cast, since the beginning of rehearsals in January, has worked extremely hard and it has paid off," said Turner.

Performances of "Seussical" will take place in the Mark S. Eastman Auditorium at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris on Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, March 30, at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and students. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at Books 'n Things, 430 Main Street in Norway, or held for will-call by calling 739-6200. Tickets reserved by phone will be held at the door until 30 minutes prior to the show. Remaining available tickets will be sold at the door beginning one hour prior to each performance.

Angler's Alliance transfers assets to Trout Unlimited

The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance, a non-profit corporation formed in 2008 for the purpose of conserving, protecting, restoring and promoting the fishing resources relating to the Upper Androscoggin River, its tributaries and environs dissolved the corporation effective Feb. 27, 2014.

UAAA, with headquarters in Bethel, transferred its assets and administration to the Mollycokett Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter encompasses the western Maine region from Casco to Rangeley. A subcommittee will be formed to continue many of the programs established by the Anglers Alliance.

Said Scott Stone, past president of UAAA and TU Chapter member, "The Mollycokett chapter is excited about carrying on the work of UAAA-the Family Fishing Festival, float stocking, river clean ups and the annual 2-Fly Contest. UAAA has done a great job developing the Upper Andro into a desirable trout fishing destination for wading and drift-boat fishing. TU has been working with UAAA and the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a management plan for this section of the Androscoggin. We expect to further the good work that UAAA has begun."

The annual Fishing Festival, which has been held at Angeline Park in Bethel, will take place in Norway and be hosted by the Norway Recreation Department.

An Upper Andro Anglers page on Facebook will continue to post news about fishing activities on the Upper Androscoggin. Correspondence should be addressed to TU Chapter President, 458 Plains Road, Harrison, ME 04040.

Sports

Bethel Rec Basketball Tournament/Contest Results

Miami (gold medal): Wyatt Tilly, Jacob Carson, Bode Leach, Caroline Newell, Lillian Botka, Reiley Hedden, Elizabeth Lund, Jacob Boutlier, Coach Alyssa Brands, Coach Victoria Ryerson.

Thunder (silver medal): Tristan Pelletier, Leah Kimball, Lydia Bennett, Sierra Carson, Reid Johnston, Makenzie Elliot, Autumn Harrison, Connor Deprey, Coach Becca Howard, Coach Maverik Griffin.

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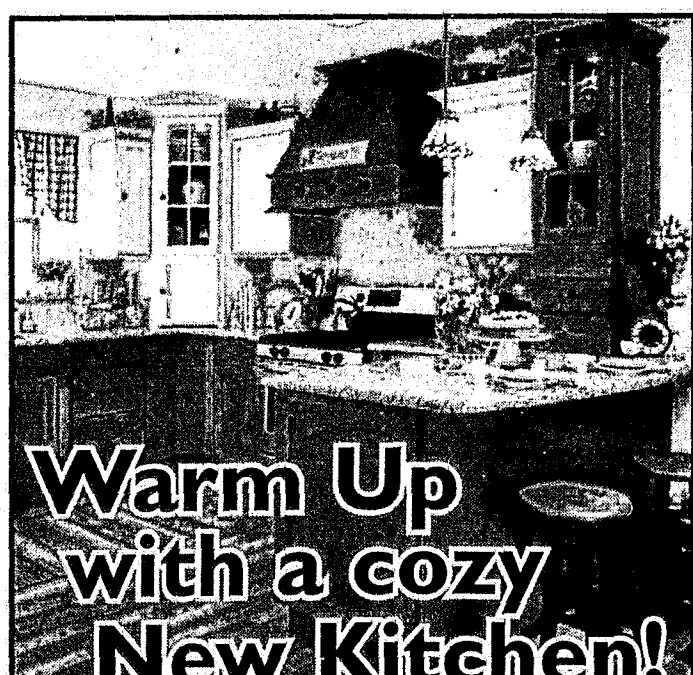
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Passing: Gold, Adam LaFlamme; Silver, Marvel Ayotte, Lydia Bennett and Caroline Newell.

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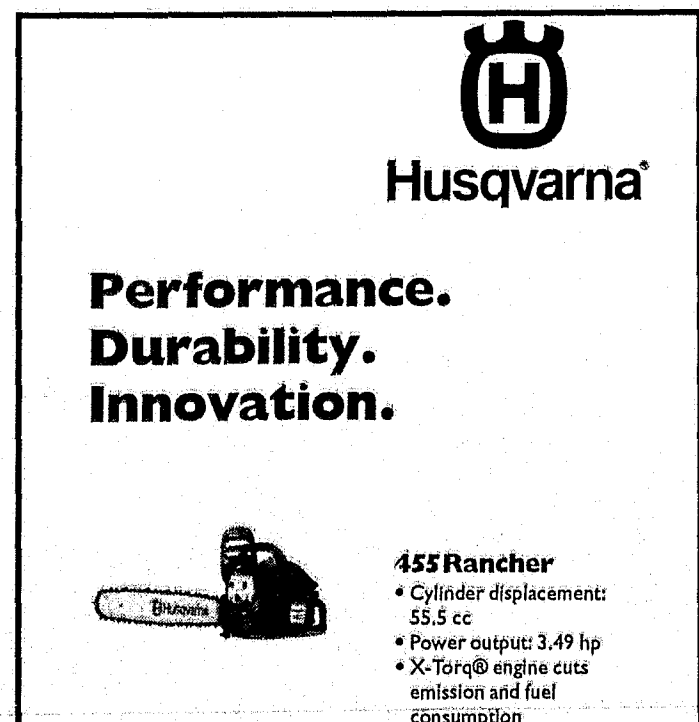
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Prime Time Ski Club news

More epic than the additional foot of snow that Sunday River Ski Resort received this past Thursday was Wednesday's "Retro Day" for the Prime Time Ski Club with some members showing up on the slopes with ski clothes they wore in the 80s and 90s. A nearly 30-year old neon pink jacket with purple, black and white geometric designs was a hit with the lifties who said it was so memorable that they only needed to check the wearer's ticket once at the beginning of the day. It was also a great conversation starter while in the lift line and easy to spot from almost anywhere on the mountain.

There was also a lighter pink one-piece suit with matching hat (remember when we wore those instead of helmets?) and matching pink mittens. A blue tie-dyed one-piece suit reminded some of us of our "hippie" years and another member wore a 90s instructor jacket and pants from another mountain. Short fur-trimmed jackets and timeless down parkas also found their way out of the closet. It was impressive that the owners could still fit into these vintage clothes since, as one member stated, clothes tend to shrink if you leave them in storage too long.

How appropriate that the day after the ski club's retro day, the Ski Museum of Maine's board of directors voted to form a committee to establish a museum location in the Bethel area. (We may have already found our first vintage clothing donations!!) The Ski Museum of Maine was founded in 1995 to preserve and publicize the business of skiing in Maine, while celebrating Maine's ski history and heritage. The board has undertaken a number of projects to identify and preserve our skiing heritage and to share this heritage with the younger generation, including the formation of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame in 2003. Since 2010 the Ski Museum of Maine has been headquartered on Main Street in Kingfield, located in the Sugarloaf Sports Outlet building, only a few miles from Sugarloaf Mountain. Here you can find a collection of artifacts, documents and memorabilia along with working and archiving space for staff and volunteers.

The newly-formed Bethel area ski museum committee is charged with finding space, developing a collection and staffing the museum's satellite site. The committee is chaired by Prime Time Ski Club member Wende Gray of Bethel, also a member of the museum's board of directors. So far committee members include museum board members Michele Varuolo Cole of Bethel, ski columnist Dave Irons of Westbrook and Viking Village, Jill Ducharme of Wayne, museum executive director Bruce Miles of Carrabassett Valley and Scott Andrews of Portland, the museum's consulting curator, research director, newsletter editor and board member. Also on the committee is Prime Time member Terri Messer of Falmouth and Newry. There will be more committee members to be named and more information to come. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, if you want to enjoy the remainder of the ski season by skiing with some new friends, why not give Prime Time Ski Club a try. Just show up weekdays at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. (upper level, right-hand side). After a brief time for announcements, members (who are 50 years or older) usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Check out our website at www.primetimeskiclub.com or just show up at North Peak Lodge and ski a few runs with us.



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Thursday, March 27

Telstar Middle School Talent Show; 6 p.m., Telstar auditorium.

"Maine at Work" Performance; 7 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Using historical characters, humor, little known facts, and contemporary material, playwright and actor David Greenham will explore the people and stories that have influenced how we think about jobs in Maine today. Following the performance David will engage the attendees in a lively discussion allowing audience members to share their thoughts. Free and open to the public. FMI: 743-5309 ext. 1 or www.norway.lib.me.us.

March 28 and 29

Mt. Abram Snow School Summit; 9:30 a.m., Westside Lodge, Mt. Abram. If you are interested in becoming a ski or snowboard instructor for the 2014/2015 season, you are invited to come meet the team and learn about employment opportunities for next season. A complementary lift ticket is included.

6th Annual Dumont Cup; Sunday River. Come check out the action as top pro freeskiers defend the cup against the best amateurs from across North America. This year's event moves to the new T72 terrain park trail for an even better course. FMI: www.dumontcup.com.

March 28, 29 and 30

OHSCBS "Seussical" Performances; Mark S. Eastman Auditorium at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Friday and Saturday: 7:30 p.m. Sunday: 1:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and students. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at Books 'n Things, 430 Main Street, Norway or held at will-call (739-6200). Cat in the Hat is the Host and Horton the Elephant is the guide on a journey from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the World of the Whos, as a little boy with a big imagination proves that a person is a person no matter how small.

Saturday, March 29

Women's History Month Program; 2 p.m., Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street). Annette Vance Dorey will present an illustrated talk about the women featured in her book, "Miss Dr. Lucy" and Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians, 1850s-1920. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

Jody Gaudreau Benefit; Mt. Abram. Bake sale: 3 to 5 p.m. Buffet dinner: 5 to 7 p.m. Tina Kelly Band: 8 p.m. to midnight (cover charge). Raffles throughout the day; 50/50 with drawing between 7 and 8 p.m. A portion of ticket and food sales will be donated to Gaudreau, who is being treated for cancer. FMI: LeeAnn at Mt. Abram (875-5000). To donate to bake sale or dinner, call Lori (357-9508).

SUMO Wrestling; 6 to 8 p.m. (doors open at 5:30), Telstar gymnasium. Multiple matches with SAD 44 staff, football players, baseball players and a mystery player. Speed gun competing, Chuck-a-Duck competition, 50/50 and other raffles and food and beverages available for purchase. \$5/adults, \$3/students and children. Proceeds to benefit the Telstar High School softball team.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Town Hall.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Old fashioned dance music. Adults: \$5.

Sunday, March 30

Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel. All you can eat breakfast to benefit scholarships and other programs of the Bethel Rotary Club. Tickets: \$7/adults advance (\$8 at the door), \$3/kids.

24th Annual Eat the Heat Chili Cookoff and Firefighters' Race; 10 a.m. White Cap Base Lodge, Sunday River.

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/rise clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Mango Groove Steel Band Concert; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin, N.H. Mango Groove's performance will include authentic calypso and soca music as well as reggae, Motown, jazz and more. \$12/adults, \$6/minors. FMI/tickets: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Tuesday, April 1

TMS PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar library.

Thursday, April 3

Urinary Gyn Health Presentation; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. Cathy Heffernan, CNM, MSN, will discuss bladder health and what can be done about it in her talk, "From Sneezes to Kegels – Issues with Urinary Gyn Health." Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Public invited. Free admission. Light refreshments. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

April 4 through April 6

Parrot Head Festival; Sunday River. This weekend includes outdoor concerts, the famous pond-skimming competition, fun contests, prizes, parties, a key lime pie eating contest and margarita mix-off. FMI: SundayRiver.com.

Friday, April 4

Holy Savior School Benefit Auction; American Legion Hall, Rumford. Doors open at 5 p.m., auction begins at 6:30 with auctioneer Mark Prevost. Pub style food will be available starting at 5 p.m. Businesses or individuals wishing to make item or monetary donations to the auction may contact Sue Adley (364-4919), Judy Collette (364-5157) or Holy Savior School (364-2528).

TMS Fancy Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Telstar cafeteria.

Saturday, April 5

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Annual Meeting/Potluck/Election of Officers; at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover. Potluck supper: 6 p.m. Annual meeting: 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to share if you are attending the potluck supper. This is the final meeting until September, so it will be a good time to catch up on this season's news and share proposed plans for next fall/winter.

Sunday, April 6

Snowmobile Sledhead Mania; Mt. Abram. Registration: 7 a.m. Races: 9 a.m. General admission: \$7. Race Entry: \$30. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Make a Wish Foundation. Free parking, restaurant and lounge, warming area, door prizes, 50/50 raffles. Trophies and fun prizes. FMI: 890-9720.

Apron Tea; 2 p.m., Women's Literary Union, 19 Elm Street, Auburn. Norma Salway and Dotti Adams will host "The History of Vintage Aprons," sponsored by the CMMC Women's Hospital Association. This fundraising event will feature a collection of 50+ hand-made aprons. Light refreshments and tea will be served. Proceeds benefit the CMMC Cancer Immediate Needs Fund. Attendees are urged to bring any special aprons they might wish to display. FMI/reservations: June (782-6084).

Monday, April 7

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: Nuclear Power? Moderator: Jim Kearney. Light refreshments and coffee provided. FMI: 583-6957 or 583-6589.

Tuesday, April 8

Mollycokett Chorus Friends and Family Night; 7 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeetfield Road, Oxford. The chorus will present their competition package in preparation for the Sweet Adeline's Region 1 Competition along with some of the chorus' favorite songs. Refreshments will follow. FMI: 345-3100 or www.mollycokettchorus.org.

Wednesday, April 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Menu: Casseroles, breads, salad, soup and other choices. \$10 per person. Reservations must be made before April 1 by calling Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Thursday, April 10

Energy Medicine for your health: An introduction to Polarity Therapy; 2:30 to 5 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel (behind Key Bank). Presenter: Emily Ecker, LCSW, Polarity Therapist. Cost: \$10. Polarity Therapy is an energy body work modality that works on all levels of our being to restore balance and wholeness. "Energy medicine" is now being studied and utilized in Western medicine and is beginning to transform how we view and empower our health. FMI/Registration: Emily (207-357-9954).

Small Business Shoe Box Party; 3 to 5 p.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Free seminar to help small business owners get started with a system to keep records sorted, organized and up to date. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457 or jpresby@ccsnh.edu).

April 12 and 13

Wilderness First Aid (SOLO); UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$200 (includes lunch and materials). Register before April 4 by calling 207-665-2068.

Saturday, April 12

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Speaker: Former Maine State Bee Inspector, Paul Szott. Topic: Spring maintenance and getting ready for nucs. Weather permitting there will be an open hive demonstration. Open to the public. FMI: Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com).

Sunday, April 13

Letter B Notch Riders Meeting; 9 a.m., the Upton House.

Upton Historical Society Meeting; 3 p.m., the Upton House.

Monday, April 14

Andover Olde Home Day Committee Meeting; 7 p.m., Andover Town Hall. Anyone interested in working on the 34th annual Olde Home Day the first weekend in August is invited to attend.

Tuesday, April, 15

CPS Grades 4 and 5 Spring Concert; 6 p.m., Crescent Park gymnasium.

Wednesday, April 16

CPS Grades K through 3 Spring Concert; 6 p.m., Crescent Park gymnasium.

WES Curriculum Fair/Art Show; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Thursday, April 17

RESCHEDULED Artsy Biz After Hours; 5 to 7 p.m. Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, 45 Church Street, Bethel. Live music, theater tours of Bingham Auditorium, refreshments, Mtn. Arts Guide Ad Contest and door prizes including a full-color half-page ad in the 2014-2015 Mtn. Arts guide, a season's pass for the Gould Performing Arts series and more. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org, 824-2575 or info@mahoosucarts.org.

April 25, 26 and 27

Wilderness First Responder Refresher/Open Recert Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 25 and 26

Wilderness First Aid Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge, taught by Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. FMI: 824-2073.

April 26 and 27

Shooting Sports Instructor Training; UMaine 4H Camp and Learning Center. Cost: \$65 (includes meals and lodging). Training begins at 6 p.m. Friday and concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday. Commuters welcome. Offering archery, rifle, shotgun, hunting/wildlife training. FMI/Registration: 207-665-2068.

Monday, April 28

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 30

MLT Changing Nature Presentation; 7 p.m., McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Church Street, Bethel. Dr. George Jacobson, Maine State Climatologist, will present "Climate Variability and Maine Ecosystems– Past and Future." This event is free and open to the public. FMI: 824-3806.

Saturday, May 3

Old Fashioned Barn Dance; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Potluck supper: 5:30 p.m. Concert: 7 p.m. Dance: 8 p.m. Music by the Buttermilk Hill Band and John and Ellen Gawler. 50/50 raffle. \$12 admission, children under 16 half price.

Wednesday, May 7

Telstar Middle/High School Art Show; 5 to 8 p.m., Telstar cafeteria, auditorium and red tile area.

Saturday, May 10

2nd Annual Motorcycle Swap Meet; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dixfield American Legion. 8X10-Lot \$25, Inside tables \$15. FMI: E. Ellis (357-6437) or C. Green (645-9640).

Tuesday, May 13

Telstar Middle/High School Spring Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances from the high school chorus and band under the direction of Jennifer Bennett and the middle school chorus and band under the direction of Tom Coolidge.

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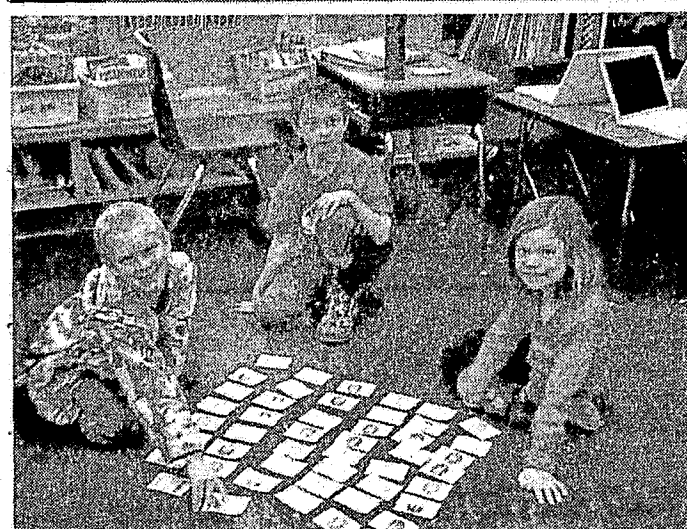
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CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY



CPS students recently celebrated READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY, held on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2. All students assembled in the gym for half an hour of silent reading, and the fifth graders presented "KUNG FU READING" (using the tune from "Kung Fu Fighting") to kick off the special afternoon.



Students (Wyatt Lilly, David Tripp, and Quinn Jerome in Mrs. Wight's class) in grade 2 at CPS enjoyed many activities celebrated on Read Across America Day, March 3rd. Here they are playing a memory game on present and past tense irregular verbs to go along with One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.

TELSTAR NEWS



TMS Topics of Fitness students cross-country skiing after last week's snowfall. Skis were purchased with PEP grant money.



Students enjoying Mt Abram as part of the TMS Winter Fun Day. Students had a choice of roller skating, bowling, or skiing and boarding at Mt. Abram.



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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



Woodstock 5th graders enjoyed some dancing in music class on St. Patrick's Day, of course, they danced to Irish music!

SAD 44 teachers attend Washington conference



A Teaching & Learning 2014 conference was held in Washington, DC on March 14 and 15. It was put on by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and brought together educators from all over the United States. Participants each selected six workshops to attend over a two day period, which were on a wide range of subjects. The offerings ranged from using hands-on science and technology in the classroom, to the Common Core standards, to providing feedback to the United States Department of Education on current topics affecting education in America. There were also a series of plenary speakers at the conference including Bill Gates, U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, author and historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and musician Bobby McFerrin.

Teachers also had the opportunity to attend pre-conference workshops at the Smithsonian, the National Geographic Society, and many more venues around Washington, DC on the day before the T&L 2104 conference started. MSAD 44 teachers were able in large part to attend the conference through the TIF grant that the district is currently participating in.

Taking part were Renee Charette, Jess Wilkey, Elaine Ferland, Wendy Hanscom, Cindy Savage, Tiffany Colby, Doug Bennett, Melissa Poston, Mark Kenney, Mary Merrill and Lori Davis.

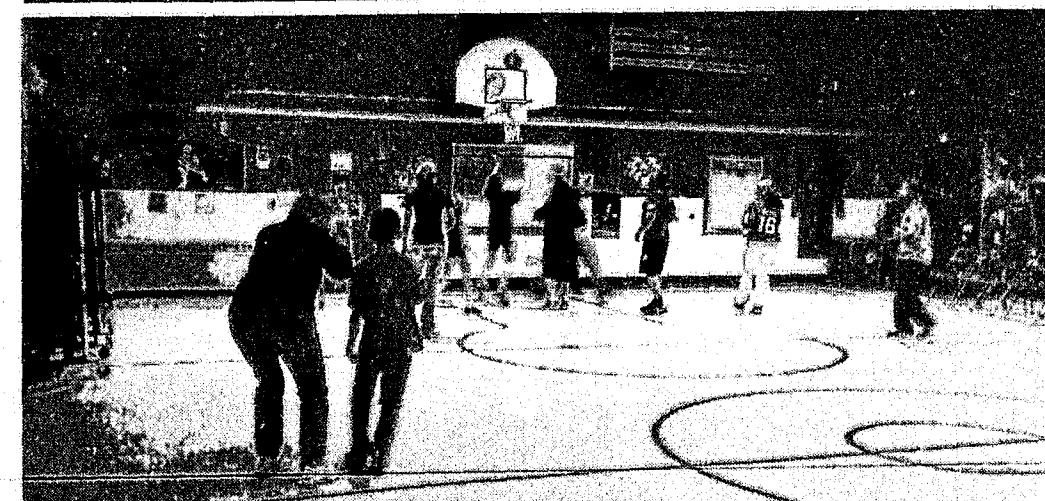
ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



Mr. Curley's Grade 2/3 class making clay pots under the guidance of art Teacher, Ms. Bolles.



AES 5th graders participate in Fraction Bingo with former AES student, Katie Merrill, who is completing a Telstar HS Career Week experience.



A local Game Warden and AES parent participated in an AES Basketball Team vs Staff and Parents game on Wednesday evening. The AES Team won, 47-43.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – SPRING

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?

APRIL
BASEBALL
CANDY
CHICK
CHOCOLATES
DAFFODILS
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GRASS
HAM
JELLY BEANS
LILIES
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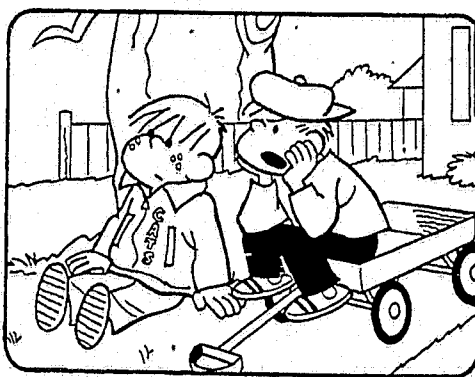
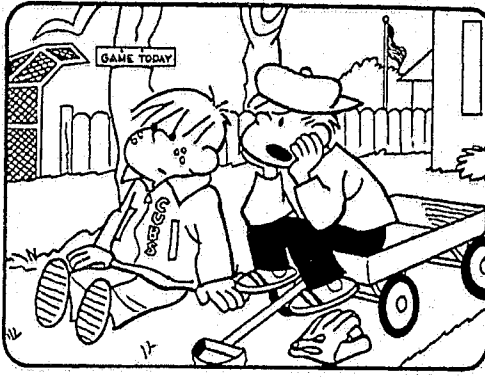
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Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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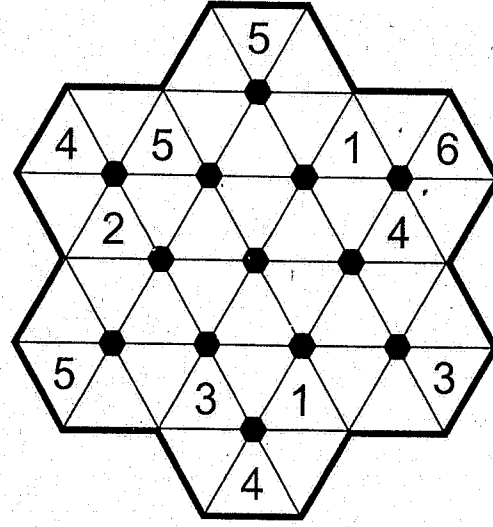
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

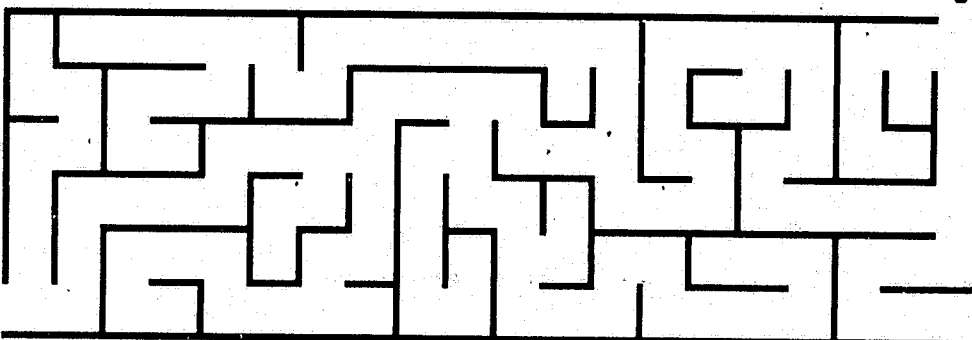


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Kids' Maze

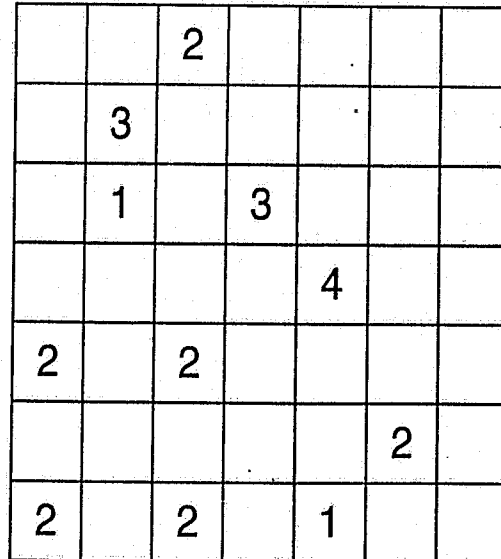


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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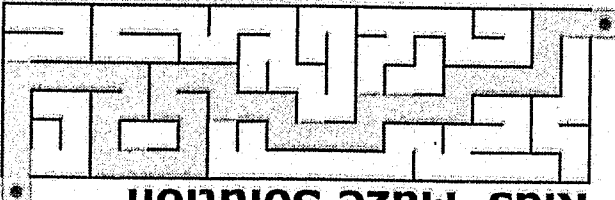
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Super Crossword

GETTING PREPOSITIONED

- ACROSS
- 1 Symbol before a key signature
- 5 Neighbor of Kauai
- 9 Actress Fox
- 14 Produces a winter blanket?
- 19 Arriving like fog
- 21 Prefix with anthropology
- 22 Smith's tool
- 23 Out of character
- 25 Hard up
- 26 Barks in pain
- 27 Suffix with meteor
- 28 Without face value, as stock
- 30 Theologian's subj.
- 31 Not up on current trends
- 36 Take a whack
- 37 States north of Nebraska
- 40 Bauxite, e.g.
- 41 Pizazz
- 43 Applying to all
- 48 Ones going a-courting
- 51 Reassuring words after an accident
- 52 "... Mac — PC?"
- 53 Suffix with schnozz or Motor
- 55 "Come again?"
- 56 Brief moment
- 57 Past proper limits
- 64 Ending for opal
- 65 Bring forth
- 66 Union topic
- 67 Lower ex-terior part of a ship's hull
- 69 L'Oréal rival
- 72 "Nothing —"
- 74 Finer in meaning
- 76 Taxing work
- 77 Construction beams with 90-degree angles
- 79 Buenos —, Argentina
- 80 Gold, to Julio
- 81 Loony
- 85 Drink like Fido
- 88 S-X linkup
- 90 Woodsy, e.g.
- 91 Have unpaid bills
- 92 Washoe County seat
- 93 "So long"
- 95 Irrelevant
- 102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa
- 104 "— for Cookie" ("Sesame Street" tune)
- 105 Awakens
- 106 Oom- —
- 108 Subjected to severe trials
- 113 Golf surprise limits
- 114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
- 115 Co. offering a Buddy List
- 116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist
- 120 Shah, e.g.
- 122 A bit ill
- 127 Shah, e.g.
- 128 Her's resting place
- 129 Remove from a computer
- 130 Arranged for
- 131 Spanish for "dihers"
- 132 Challenge for a lab rat
- 133 "To be," to Tiberius
- DOWN
- 1 Big name in early computers
- 2 Theater area
- 3 Airline to Ben Gurion
- 4 Publication that's quickly thumbed
- 5 Add- — (peripherals)
- 6 Bus. rep
- 7 Arrive at, as a solution
- 8 Not masked
- 9 Stat of fuel efficiency
- 10 Gift for music
- 11 One peeking
- 12 Vowel string
- 13 Amateur
- 14 Italian Riviera city
- 15 Dayton-to- Toledo dir.
- 16 Way up there in years
- 17 Broader
- 18 In a foxy way
- 20 Enlarged map details
- 24 D.C. summer hrs.
- 29 Declaration
- 32 Holds
- 33 Suffix with 58-Down
- 34 "Woo- —"
- 35 Momentous time
- 37 Speech spot
- 38 Peak
- 39 Ray of fast-food fame
- 42 Punch noise
- 44 Give a — (care)
- 45 Suffix with east
- 46 With 62-Down, rotten sort
- 47 Dumbbell
- 49 Extent
- 50 Handle the helm
- 54 Timmy's TV dog
- 57 Yogi of baseball
- 58 Inflated head
- 59 Lemon-hued
- 60 Be snaky
- 61 Sci-fi's Solo
- 62 See 46-Down
- 63 Tapered off
- 65 Prefix with diversity
- 68 "— a snap!"
- 69 Coagulates
- 70 Lash of Western films
- 71 Exempt from regulations
- 72 Pol Quayle
- 73 Municipal statute: Abbr.
- 75 Banquet liquid holder
- 78 Onion or ily
- 79 Help in crime
- 82 Beats (up)
- 83 Coal carrier
- 84 Lea lady?
- 85 Luau gifts
- 86 Bancroft of "7 Women"
- 87 Ollas, e.g.
- 89 Ida. neighbor
- 92 Casino game
- 94 Ottawa site
- 96 Quito's land
- 97 Autograph: Abbr.
- 98 Suffix with child
- 99 Easter eats
- 100 "— tu" (Verdi aria)
- 101 Oktoberfest dances
- 103 Maestro
- 106 City of Light
- 107 Lexus rival
- 109 "To be —"
- 110 Ral-a- —
- 111 Dull
- 112 Justice
- 117 Figuring-out shouts
- 118 "Little House on the Prairie" shopkeeper
- 119 — Stanley Gardner
- 121 Oroscope-wielding doc
- 123 That, to Tito
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Kids' Maze Solution

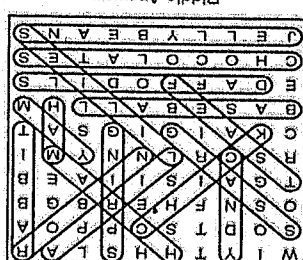
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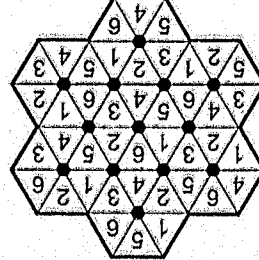
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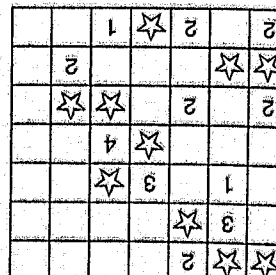
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News from the Bethel Historical Society

The latest issue of the Society's history journal, "The Courier," has been mailed to all members and Annual Fund donors. This issue runs to 14 pages and contains a detailed article about the famous Gehring Clinic for the treatment of nervous disorders that operated at the south end of Broad Street from the late 1890s to about 1925. Among Dr. John George Gehring's better-known patients were scientist George Ellery Hale, writer and social critic Max Eastman, and philanthropist William Bingham 2nd. The well-illustrated article first appeared in a 2008 issue of "Maine History," the journal of the

Maine Historical Society, and was written by BHS past president William Andrews of Newry. The Society's Robinson House is currently closed to the public so that renovations to the exhibit rooms and center stair hall in the oldest (front) section of the building can be completed. The main office remains open, however, and emails (info@bethelhistorical.org) and phone calls (207-824-2908) will be answered by staff or volunteers during regular business hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday). The period rooms and research library at the Dr. Moses Mason House also remain

open by appointment. Local residents and visitors are reminded of the upcoming Women's History Month program, which will take place at the Mason House on Saturday, March 29, at 2 p.m. Local historian and author Annette Vance Dorey will present an illustrated talk about the lives and careers of over 250 Maine women who had a passion for healing. These forgotten females were either Maine natives who traveled far and wide to study medicine, or women from other states who chose to establish their medical practice in Maine. Following the program, she will sign copies of her

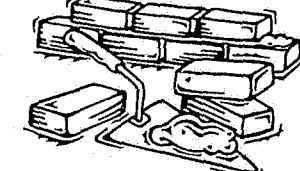
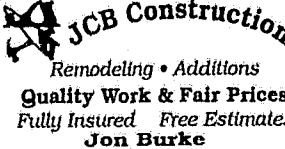
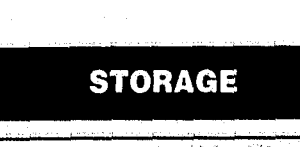
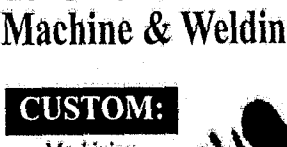
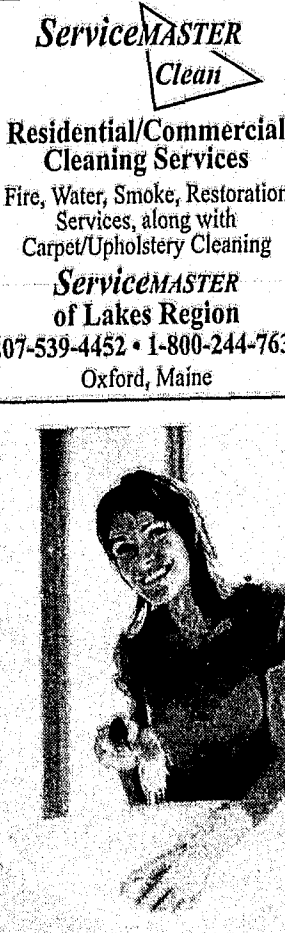
book, "Miss Dr. Lucy" and Maine's Pioneering Female Physicians, 1850s to 1920. The event is free and open to the public. Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With over 800 members, the Society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs and publica-

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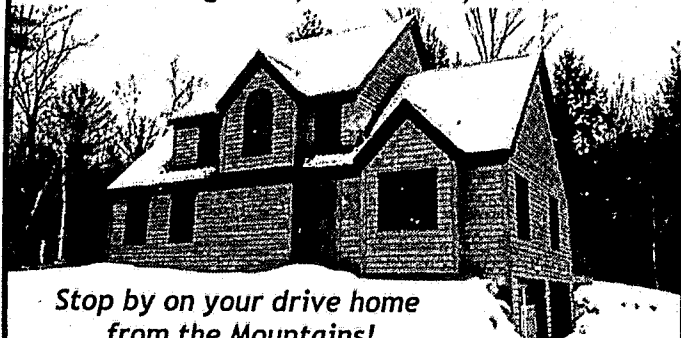
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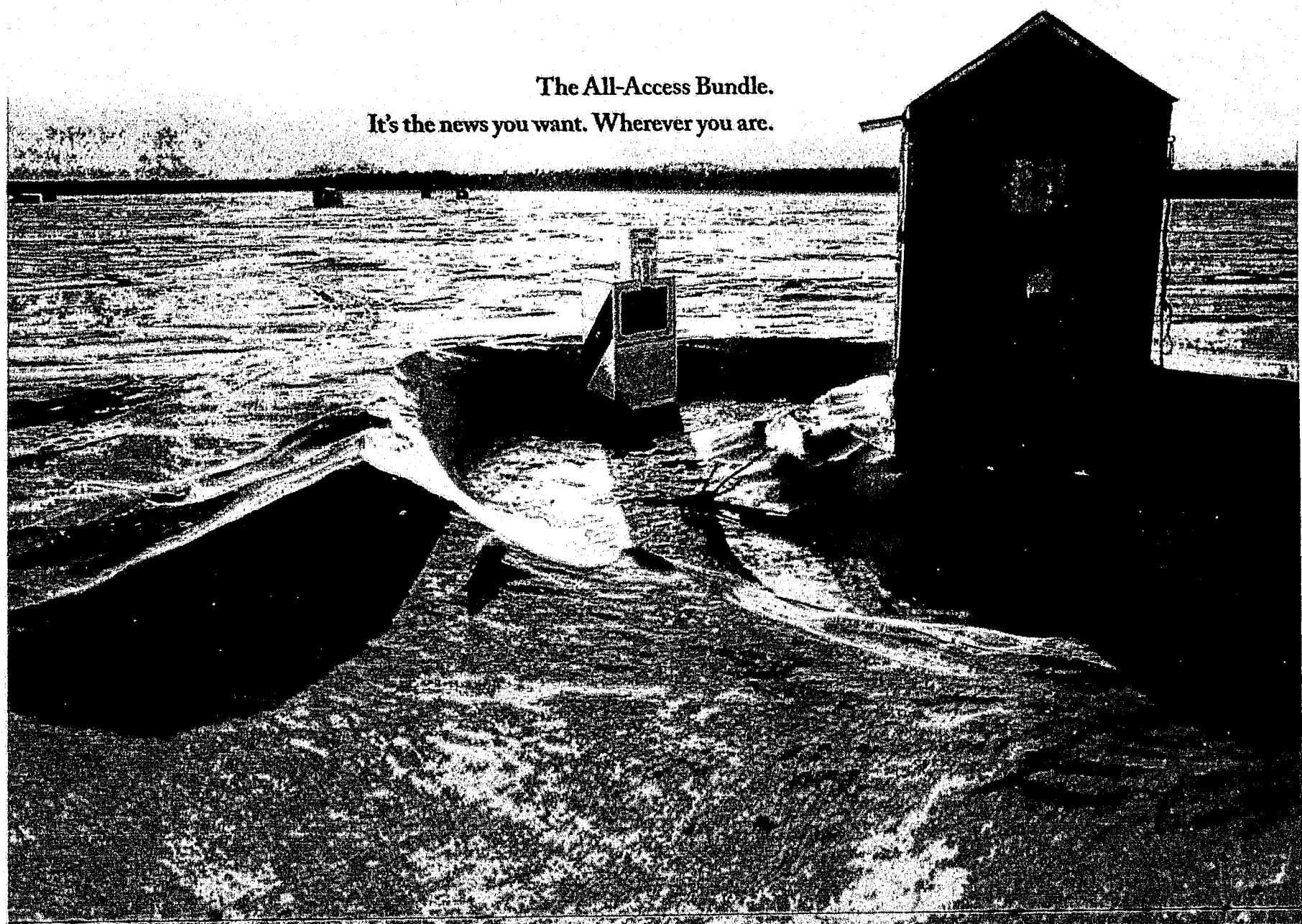
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ROBERT H. HUTCHINS

Mr. Robert Henry Hutchins, 70, peacefully passed from this world on Sunday March 23, 2014. He was a resident of Andover.

Born in Rumford on Aug. 9, 1943, he was a son of Henry C. and Gertrude (Bemis) Hutchins. Bob went to school at the Elm Street School and graduated with the class of 1961 from Andover High School. He served in the US Army in Germany and was honorably discharged in 1967. While working for the Andover Telephone Company he met and married Sharon Coolidge the following November. In 1968 he went to work for MSAD 44 as a mechanic and bus driver. In 1981 he was employed at COMSAT in Andover for three years. In 1984 he was employed by the Town of Andover as a highwayman. He then returned to MSAD 44 as a bus driver and dispatcher until his retirement in 2010.

Bob's love of the fire department is evident from old pictures of the apparatus he built from an old wagon and discarded garden hose parts. As a young man, he was a junior fireman, and too young to drive, when the fire alarm sounded, Arthur (Old Art) Whitten would pick him up in his car and take him to the station. He was on the first brainstorming and creation of the Northern Oxford Mutual Aid (NOMA), which is still a great resource for area towns. He retired from the department in 2009 with 55 years of service, 45 of which were as the Assistant Chief.

A member of the First Congregational Church of Andover, he served as a trustee and the caretaker opening the church and making sure all was ready for Sunday services. He loved music, especially the Rock and Roll

of the fifties and western styles. He was a self-taught guitar player and spent many hours with family and friends playing and singing.

Bob leaves Sharon, his wife of 46 years, of Andover; a daughter Deanna, her husband Bruce Fowles and children Madison and Nolan of West Bethel; a son Christian, his wife Jennifer and daughter Samantha of Casco, many cousins and friends. He was predeceased by a sister, Nancy, and his parents.

Many thanks to the Androscoggin Home Health Care and Hospice for their devoted care as he transitioned from this life to the hereafter, and to Dr. DeCarolis and the team at the BFHC.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Andover. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford, 207-364-4545.



ELOUISE A. HOWE

Elouise A. Howe of Bryant Pond died Monday, March 24, 2014 at Ledgewood Living Center in West Paris. She was born Nov. 27, 1931 in Locke's Mills, the daughter of R. Clyde and Rowena A. Ring Dunham. She grew up in Locke's Mills, graduating from Woodstock High School at the top of her class in 1950. She enjoyed playing basketball and softball during those years.

She had been happily married to Edwin Howe of Bryant Pond since Nov. 1, 1950. She worked several years at Stowell Silk Spool Company. Later she worked for 21 years as a certified nurse's aide at Ledgewood Living Center, retiring in 1993.

She was a member of the Universalist Church of Bryant Pond, the Franklin Grange (a 50-year member), the Woodstock Historical Society, and

the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens group.

She enjoyed her family and seeing her three grandchildren grow up nearby, especially watching their many sports activities over the years. After retirement, she and her husband enjoyed taking ten trips to Alaska to visit their daughter and son-in-law. She enjoyed her pet cat, taking walks through the woods behind their house, berry picking and tending her flower gardens. Other activities included brook fishing, trolling for white perch, and fishing for salmon and halibut in Alaska. Her competitive spirit delighted her family in many games of Scrabble, Chinese checkers, volleyball, croquet and badminton.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin of 63 years; her son Wayne and his wife Marilyn of Bryant Pond; her daughter Irene Cerra and husband Jerry of Sequim, Wash.; three grandchildren, Christopher Howe and his fiancée Tonia Gilley-Pratt of Waterville, Bethany Emerson and husband Dr. Fred Emerson of Gorham, and Jared Howe of Bethel and two great-grandchildren Laurel and Grant Emerson. She is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Olive Risko of Bryant Pond and Rowena Dunham of West Paris; two brothers-in-law, Bill and Winona Howe of Bryant Pond, and C. Stephen and Joyce Howe of Bryant Pond and fourteen beloved nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by two brothers, Leland and Herbert Dunham.

Per her wishes, there will be no funeral. Committal services for family will take place in June at the Lakeside Cemetery. Donations in her memory may be made to the Locke's Mills Union Church.



JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND

Josiah Hayden Drummond, Jr., 72, of Fort Myers, Fla., died on Thursday, March 20, 2014 surrounded by family at Gosnell Memo-

rial Hospice House in Scarborough.

Joe was born on November 17, 1941 in Dr. Joseph Drummond's hospital on High Street in Portland, the first of five children to Josiah Hayden and Anne (Srahan) Drummond. He grew up in the West End, spending his summers on Sebago.

A graduate of Deering High School, he spent a postgraduate year at New Hampton School and then graduated from Colby College in 1964. Joe devoted his career to secondary school and college fundraising; working at Kents Hill School, St. Paul's School, Bowdoin College, and Gould Academy. Following his marriage to Joanna (Prudden) Snyder in 1980, he worked with her in a fundraising consulting and graphic design business from their beloved farmhouse in Cumberland Foreside. Joe enjoyed his involvement in civic activities, serving on the Cumberland School Board, the Cumberland Town Council, and on the boards of Greater Portland Landmarks, Northeast Hearing and Speech, Portland Stage Company, Victoria Mansion, Bethel Water District and Bethel Library. After retiring in 2004, he and Joanna spent their winters in Fort Myers, Fla., and on magical Upper Captiva Island.

Joe will be remembered for his wit and charm, as a masterful storyteller and conversationalist, as a devoted father and husband, a trustworthy confidant and friend, compassionate and responsible through and through. He was a gentle, loving man.

Josiah is survived by his wife Joanna; his two daughters, Damaris Drummond and husband Eric Dufresne of Essex Junction, Vt., and Emily Drummond of Portland; his two sons, Barton Snyder of Yarmouth, and Caleb Snyder and his partner Sandra Biddle of Cape Elizabeth; his two sisters, Cynthia (Drummond) Choate of Falmouth and Nancy (Drummond) Tindal of Boothbay; his two brothers, James Drummond of Center Conway, N.H., and Andrew Drummond of Freedom, N.H.; and eight grandchildren, Cailan, Teagan, Jonathan, Lillian, Colburn, Finn, Chloe Snyder and Josiah H. Drummond-Dufresne.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to Portland Stage Company or Gosnell House in Scarborough would be very appreciated. The family is grateful to Dr. Steven Dobieski and Gosnell House for their excellent

professional care and compassion. A celebration of Joe's life will be held on April 5, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Portland, followed by a reception. Arrangements are by Hobbs Funeral Home, South Portland.

XAVIER FUENTES

Xavier Fuentes, 16, of Turner died Saturday, March 15 at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Lewiston on May 26, 1997, the son of Nabor Fuentes and Sheila Daft. He was a sharp dresser and very caring, empathetic, helpful and humorous.

Xavier loved playing video games and listening to '80s rock 'n roll, as well as cooking, going out to eat, chocolate and Monster energy drinks. He also loved movies and movie night, especially James Bond movies. He especially loved his nephew, Adrian, very much.

He is survived by his mother, Sheila, and stepfather, Ron Cole; his father, Nabor Fuentes; his sisters, Adrian Lara and Audra Milos; his brother, Cameron Fuentes and his girlfriend, Stephanie Baker; stepsisters, Kelsey and Damian Provost, and Tanya and Tony Mason; stepbrothers, Matthew Cole and fiancée, Nina Tracy, and Dawson Cole; his grandparents, Janice and Butch Moore; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, Dale Daft.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

RICKFORD W. TENNEY

Rickford W. Tenney died in Arlington, Va., on March 16, 2014 from respiratory and kidney failure. Rick was the son of the late Wesley E. Tenney and Clara M. Tenney of Harrison. He graduated OHS class of 1968 and attended Husson College. He was married to Linda (Merrill) Tenney of South Paris in 1975.

After a successful career in mortgage banking, Rick retired early to pursue his wide range of interests, including financial consulting for small businesses; tax preparation for elderly; picture framing; computer graphics both for client advertising and for development of novelties to sell. With a lifelong interest in buying and selling antiques and collectibles, Rick was engaged to liquidate several estates in Virginia and he became a licensed auctioneer.

Rick was quick-witted and delighted in "verbal volleyball." He was fun, creative, talented and generous. Besides his wife Linda of Springfield, Va., he is survived by his brother Fred Tenney, nephew Trevor Tenney, and great-nieces Brooke and Chelsea Tenney, all of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Although Rick and Linda have lived for many years in the suburbs of Washington, DC, Rick always regarded Harrison as his home. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Rick's memory to Harrison Department of Parks and Recreation, PO Box 300, Harrison, Maine 04040, or to Harrison Fire Association, PO Box 911, Harrison, Maine 04040.

Birth

Brody James Merrill

Tony Merrill and Michelle Henley of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Brody James Merrill, born on March 11, 2014, at 11:01 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Cori Henley of Greenwood.

Paternal grandparents are James Merrill of Albany and Arleen Heath of Bethel.

Brody joins a sister, Ciara age 8, and three brothers, Caleb age 14, Max age 10 and Bentley age 3.

CMP tree care in Oxford County

Central Maine Power is performing tree trimming work in nearly 20 communities in Androscoggin and Oxford Counties over the coming weeks. The work along utility lines is part of a \$20 million annual vegetation management program to improve the reliability of its transmission and distribution lines.

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